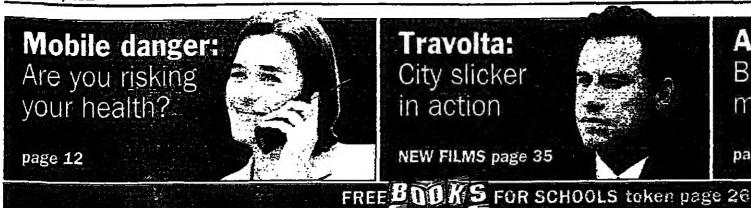
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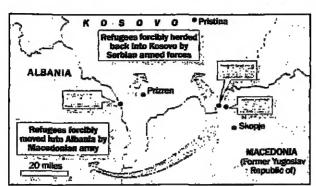
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The Macedonians worked even faster than the Serbs to get these people out of their country'



Refugees moved at dead of night



A doll, family albums, passports: all went under the bulldozer at Blace, reports Daniel McGrory

THE United Nations led the condemnation yesterday of a midnight raid by Macedonian troops to evict forcibly 30,000 refugees from their makeshift camp on the border.

And there was further alarm as the Serbs suddenly closed their borders at Blace and Jazince, ordering thousands of ethnic Albanians back to their homes in Kosovo. Nato officers fear they will now be used as human s against allied attacks.

At Blace, aid workers described how Macedonian soldiers spread through the camp tearing down tents and dragging families on to buses that were then driven across the neighbouring border.

In the frightened mélée, par-ents were separated from children and most were prevented from bringing even the few possessions they salvaged when they fled Kosovo.
The UNHCR called this

evacuation brutal and a fundamental violation of human rights. "You do not move people at dead of night without telling anyone where they are going and split up families in the haste to tip them out of your country," an official said. As dawn rose over what had

suddenly become a ghost camp there was ample and poignant evidence of how ruthessly these thousands of Kosovo Albanians were moved. A child's doll lay trampled in the mud. Passports and documents were strewn among a tangle of clothes and in the mud were obviously treasured keepsakes such as a family photo album and letters. Jars of baby food sat open on tables made from cardboard boxes. Meals were half-eaten, a radio

was still playing and a leathe

jacket hung from a tree. A worker with the Islamic charity El Hilal said: "The soldiers just stormed the camp. Children were screaming. Some refugees tried to escape and troops fired over the heads and hauled them back with their rifles. We were not allowed to help them."

He said that Serb troops h ing in an abandoned from village became embroiled and grabbed some of the refugees back on to their side of a border marked by the railway line that was used il days ago to expel these refugees.

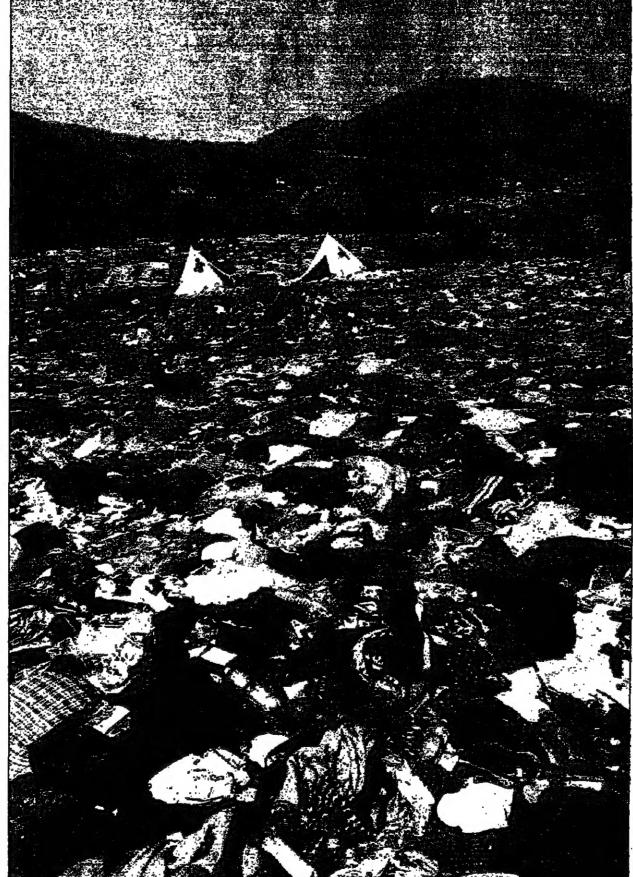
The eviction was over within seven hours. Christopher Thomas of the American Red Cross said: "The Macedonian soldiers worked even faster than the Serbs to get these people out of their country."

But senior Macedonian Govemment officials accused Nato countries of hypocrisy, saying: "You complained saying: "You complained when we didn't move the refugees quickly enough and now you criticise us when we do empty that camp."

The Macedonian President, Kiro Gligorov, was also unre-pentant, saying: This was the right thing to do. Albania is their native land, and it should accept the refugees and the international community should help to get them there."

Standing on the edge of the deserted camp yesterday, Major-General John Drewienkiewicz, acting head of the Org-Continued on page 7, col 3

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Deserted village: belongings salvaged by refugees as they fled Kosovo lie abandoned after their second eviction from Blace

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Government U-turn on Pill warning

BY HELEN RUMBELOW

THE Government has made a U-turn on its advice on contraceptive pills, four years after health warnings caused panic and led to an estimated 30,000

Jeremy Metters, the Deputy Chief Medical Officer, said yes-terday the abortions were "regretted". The Government reing the 1995 safety alert when it warned women and GPs that the leading "third generation" brand of pills were so risky they should not be taken unless absolutely necessary.

The alarm affected about two million women, half of all British women taking oral contraceptives. Twelve per cent immediately stopped taking the Pill and abortions, which had been on the decline, rose by 9 per cent that year and are continuing to rise.

Medical experts and manufacturers blamed the Government for the sensational health scare which was based on evidence that had yet to be

published. The research had found that women taking third generation pills, which contain the progestogens called desogestel or gestodene. were about twice as likely as those on other pills to have blood clots in their legs, but the risk was still very small — 25 women in 100,000.

into doubt and after appeals from the drug manufacturers the Committee of Safety on Medicines (CSM) reconsidered. Dr Metters said that the risks remained the same as in 1995 but they were very small and as long as women were informed of them they could be prescribed the third generation pills as their first choice.

"Of course I regret unnecessary abortions. But the CSM gave the advice they thought was right at the time. It was important that women should be told exactly what the risks were. If we had sat on the data there would have been a na-



"It's like spot-the-ball but harder"

Police tackle runaways

Twelve players from Ivory Coast's under-19 rugby team have gone on the run apparently in the hope of staying in Britain. Police in South Wales say they are hopeful of finding them because they have only a smattering of English, and are believed to be wearing their navy blue team trackspits.

Man of 61 admits Mardi bombings

A MAN aged 61 admitted yes-terday that he was the Mardi Gra bomber who waged a 315 -year campaign across London and the Home Counties. Edgar Pearce, a former advertising employee from Chis-wick. West London, tried to ex-tort millions of pounds from

Barclays Bank and Sainsbury's as he planted 36 devices, the Old Bailey was told. The bombs contained pins

and ball bearings. By the time his campaign was brought to an end, six people were in-jured and only luck stopped anyone from being killed. The cost to Sainsbury's is estimated at £640,000 in lost trade. Barclays spent £140,000 on extra security.

The bombs became more so-

phisticated as Pearce's campaign developed, and police regarded him to be as dangerous as the IRA. The devices were first delivered to bank branches from December 1994 and later left outside Sainsbury's supermarkets. Pearce's

demands were open-ended with no time limit set on how long the blackmail would continue. He boped to use cashpoint machines to receive up to £10.000 each day. In the end, he had withdrawn £700 when he was trapped. He will be sentenced in a few days.

Detective Chief Superintendent Jeffrey Rees, from the Organised Crime Group, said: This was a callous, calculating individual who was wholly indifferent to the possibility that the devices might cause death or serious injuries."

Pearce admitted 20 charges, involving blackmail attempts, the possession of explosives and wounding. Charges against his brother Ronald, 67, were dropped. Ronald admitted possessing a stun gun but the prosecution accepted he played no part in the extortion. He was sentenced to 12 months but released because of time he has spent in prison.

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FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOS

THE three American soldiers captured by Serb forces and being held as PoWs could be freed today after a surprise intercession by a veteran Cypri-ot politician. Spyros Kyprian-ou, the parliamentary president, expects to fly to Belgrade this morning after declaring that he was confident he could

secure their release. He has been in close contact with the Serbian leadership and, if successful hopes to re-

turn with them to Cyprus. "I believe, I hope my mis-sion will succeed," he as he left for Athens where Greece has ovided a plane for Belgrade. His original schedule called

for him to fly Belgrade last

ment was told by Washington that it was impossible for any commercial planes to enter Yugoslavian airspace because of Nato's bombardment.

The gesture by the Yugoslav president. Slobodan Milese vic came a day after Nato brushed aside his offer of a ceasefire for the Orthodox Easter this weekend. Freeing the Americans would remove the buge public outcry in the United States.

The three, which Nato says were non-combat troops, were put them on trial as spies but later said it would free them

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TRAIL OF THE MARDI GRA BOMBER



The calling card Pearce left on his first six bombs

- Only he knew store cards were cash cards
- He told police to give them away in magazine
- He knew the Pin codes

Cash machine ploy gave police the upper hand

EDGAR PEARCE, the Mardi Gra bomber, was defeated by a high-technology police opera-tion involving the kind of manpower formerly reserved for dealing with the IRA.

Pearce, 61, believed he had developed a foolproof plan to extort money from Barclays Bank, and then the Sainsbury's supermarket chain, after making their branches the target of a succession of homemade bomb attacks. He hit upon the idea of extorting money using the national network of automatic cash dispensers.

Pearce insisted that promotional plastic cards be placed inside a national magazine. Only he knew that the cards could be used in a cashpoint machine, and the personal identification number.

On December 27, 1997, police placed a brief entry in the personal column of The Daily Telegraph reading: "M. Work will be completed and ready for London circulation on Thursday 26th March 1998. This is the earliest possible date. Hope it meets your sched-

it was the breakthrough the police had been waiting for. They set up electronic monitoring of hundreds of cash machines across London in the hope that the bomber would pay one of them a visit. The **HOW THE BOMBER WAS CAUGHT**

Stewart Tendler. Richard Duce and Adam Fresco on the

Chiswick.

not be seen.

The car was

stopped and found to be carry-

ing El million of cannabis res-

in. Two men, one of them a re-

tired RAF officer, were subse-

quently jailed. On March 17, another bomb

exploded in Eltham, southeast

London, soon after two moth-

ers had walked past pushing

their babies in prams. Pearce

was captured on camera, only

for the second time in the

set their trap with a further an-

graph, stating simply: "Every-

the southeast edition of Ex-

change & Man. They paid £20.000 into an account from

thing on schedule."

bombings, however, did not stop and in January and February there were further attacks

and South London. Deputy Assistant Commissioner John Grieve, head of the Anti-Terrorist Branch and a veteran of IRA bombing inquirles, later admitted he was so worried that the bomber would eventually kill someone that he would lie awake in a

on Sainsbury's stores in West

cold sweat. As the cat and mouse game with Pearce continued, police began to set in train the plan, Operation Heath, that would lead to his capture and conviction at the Old Bailey.

Sainsbury's had improved its closed-circuit television cameras and increased uniformed and undercover patrois. However, Pearce had always eluded them by making sure that his face was never captured on camera.

Surveillance was so intense that police broke a drugs smuggling operation when

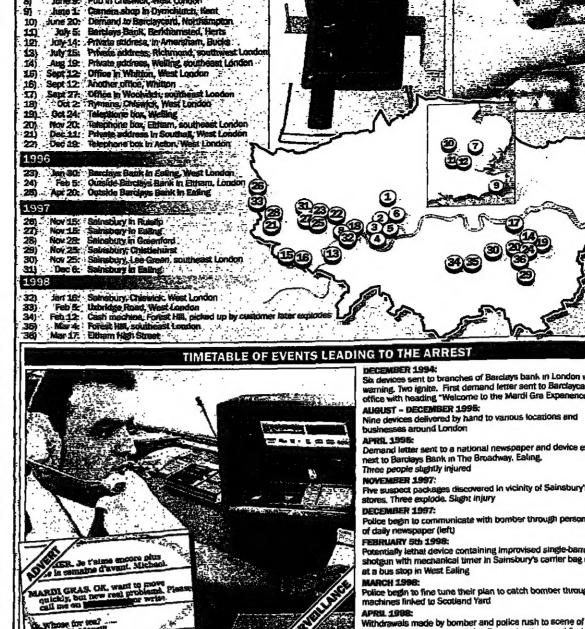
withdrawn each day. At the same time the police electronically linked hundreds of cash machines to a special centre at Scotland Yard, codenamed Central 500, from which many of the big anti-IRA operations problems faced by investigators were normally run. Closed-circuit television cameras were they saw two men unloading also rigged up. boxes from a van into a a car in Sainsbury's car park at

Under Operation Heath. the Yard planned to deploy more than 400 officers to keep watch across West and South London each day. Officers were brought in from the specialist squads and help was sought in every part of the capi-

As soon as a card was used, Central 500 would get the address and alert the nearest team. Every officer was shown the closed-circuit television film of Pearce planting the bomb so that they knew his approximate build and height.

three-year bombing cam-paign, but again his face could The cards could be used for On April 17, police, with the seven days only. For four days co-operation of Sainsbury's. nothing happened, and the Operation Heath team began to despair. Then, on day five, nouncement in The Daily Tele-April 28, there were two withdrawals. Police rushed to the Sainsbury's printed 50,000 addresses in West London, but special reward cards that were he had gone. inserted into a promotion in

A few hours later the alarm in the control room went off again. Cash was being with-



Den 8: Berchys Bank; Hampstead, North London Dec 6: Barclays Bank, Ladbroke Grove, West London Dec 6: Barclays Bank, Hammersmith, West London Dec 6: Barclays Bank, Gloucester Rd. West London

May 18: Private address in Combitage June 9: Pub in Chlanicic West London

Whitton, near Twickenham,

an area targeted twice by the

bomber in 1995. Officers seconded from National Crime Squad surveillance teams moved in and halted a car pulling away. Inside were the Pearce brothers, wearing false beards, dark glasses and hats. Ronald was

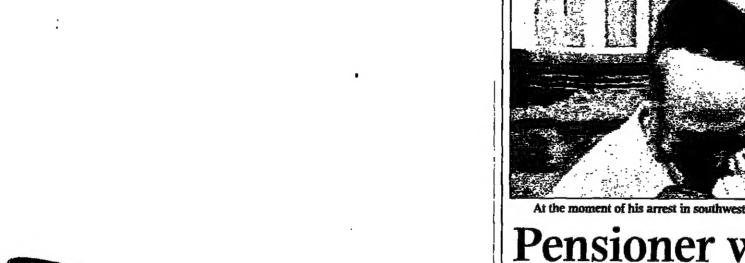
also wearing a wig. The brothers were carrying £700 they had just withdrawn; Edgar Pearce had ten of the Sainsbury's cards.

Inside his home in Chiswick, police found his bomb factory and a loaded revolver with a silencer. Two bornbs were primed and ready to be used: police believe he was planning to move on to a more sophisticated bombing phase. Officers also found a cross-

bow inside a holed Sains-bury's bag. The trigger was hooked up to a length of fishing line. With it Pearce could have fired the bolt unobserved into a crowd. There were

lengths of copper piping for bomb-making, 272 12-gauge shotgun cartridges and a further quantity of 410 cartridges to be used in a specially adapted revolver.

After the Mardi Gra bomber's capture, Mr Grieve said: "He had a really good plan,





At the moment of his arrest in southwest London, police lift the Mardi Gra bomber's wig before he is led away

Pensioner who picked up bomb in bag 'died of shock'

THE Mardi Gra campaign of extortion terrorised and injured six people. A pensioner who mistakenly picked up a Sainsbury's bag containing one of the devices was so shocked, even though it did not go off. that her family

claim it eventually killed her. Curtis Dennis, a promising athlete, was injured in his thigh and despite successful surgery has been unable to resume his athletic career. Relatives of Mrs Joan

Kane, 74, a widow, said that she was haunted by the thought that she had carried the explosive device on two buses on her way home. She would sit all day alone

in her lounge, staring at the television even though it was switched off, according to her daughter. Mo March said that her mother suffered flashbacks, sank into a decline and finally died.

Mrs Kane had carried the bag home to Hanwell, West London, from a trip to her local Sainsbury's in December 1997. It is thought she picked up the bag when she was gathering up her shopping. She only realised what she had when she was unpacking. Her next-door neighbour came in, recognised the device, and called police. Mrs March, 51, said: "It was just sheer shock. She never ever came to terms with it. She tried to go back to West Ealing a couple of times and had to be brought back. She had always battled through

THE VICTIMS

previous health troubles - always. But on that day, her fighting spirit was taken away." Less than three months after taking the bomb home Mrs Kane died of a virulent form of leukaemia. "The general opinion is that it trig-gered the illness," said Mrs

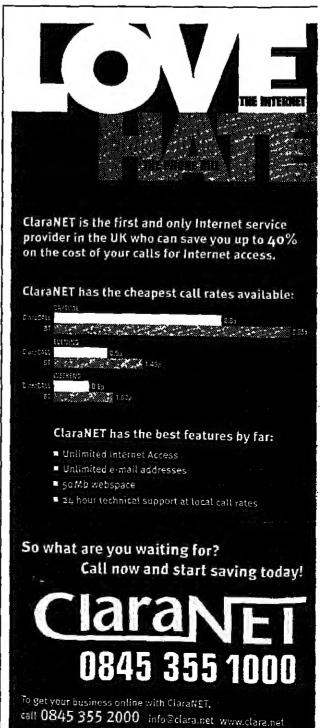
March, a plant manager at a

garden centre Less than half of the devices that were dumped, posted or delivered failed to go off. On one occasion an explosive de-vice was planted at a busy bus stop where people were walking by. It went off when the immediate area was, unusual-

ly, clear of people. Dr Chris Side almost lost an eye to a piece of shrapnel when he opened an explosive device at his home in Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire. in July 1995.

The worst injury was suffered by Curtis Dennis when device exploded near a Sainsbury's in Forest Hill, southeast London. His thigh was punctured by shrapnel and the wounds required surgery and skin grafts. Although he was left with no permanent injury he has not resumed his athletic career.

In April. 1996, a double-barrelled shotgun device hidden in flower beds outside a bank in Ealing, West London, ex-ploded hitting Tang Di, a customer; with pellets. He was not seriously hurt.





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Twisted mind of invisible man

THE BOMBER

Reports by Stewart Tendler, Richard Duce and

Adam Fresco

AS THE Mardi Gra bomber spread fear and alarm across London during his three-year terror campaign detectives were advised to look for a single man or woman, no more than 40 years old, who could even be a renegade police officer.

Sitting in his West London terraced house with its neatly tended garden. 61-year-old unemployed Edgar Eugene Pearce probably allowed himself a smug smile of satisfaction as he realised police were no nearer to ending his home-

made bombing exploits. The son of a former East End tailor far from fitted the criminal profile offered by experts but with the benefit of hindsight there were alarming signs of a twisted mind at

work. The few people who knew Pearce regarded him as an obses-• He was sive perfectionist who had slipped weird. He into eccentic behavwouldn't ed getting up at 6am every day to speak to cook himself roast meal for breakfast. At his anyone three-storey coundi house in a Chis-

equipped workshop where he would while away the time by working on clocks and electronic gadgetry. It was here that he was eventually to piece together the simple bombs he made from a video box, spring and shotgun carridge.

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at all?

Edgar Pearce and his brother Ronald, 67, grew up in the East End of London where they went to local schools. Edgar decided on a career in advertising and, after attending college, worked for several London firms before moving to South Africa in 1971.

He stayed there for the next five years and, along the way, aquired a working knowledge of firearms. By the time he returned to Britain he had married his wife Maureen and the ness in Hayling Island, near Portsmouth, known as Jeanne's Cuisine.

The business seems to have been a success although Pearce's wife fell ill around the time of dealings with Barclays Bank which left him with his grudge against the bank. When Pearce was deciding on his first target for an extortion plan it was Barclays that came to mind.

The couple sold up in 1982 and moved to Chiswick with their daughter Nicola before they eventually separated in 1987, although they remained on close terms.

Pearce would carry out DIY work on his former wife's home in Eltham, South-East

Pearce replaced his family by taking in lodgers at the house and neighbours remember him as an elusive outsider. He was distincly unpopular with the local children, threatening them and telling them that he would poison their dogs, when he saw them playing in the street close to his front garden and his precious plants.

There was a closedcircuit camera over the front door - he told children playing nearby it was to ensure that they did not go near his flowerbeds.

He spent most of his time with his brother Ronald, a former Savile Row tailor, who lived less than a mile away in West London.

They drank at the Crown and Anchor public house on Chiswick High Road, only a few doors from the home Ronald Pearce shared with partner Sonia Bickham.

In June 1995, after being barred from the pub, apparently for rowdy behaviour, Edgar Pearce sent one of his devices to Andy Bennett, the landlord he was the eighth target. Mr Bennett said later. I thought someone had a veridetta



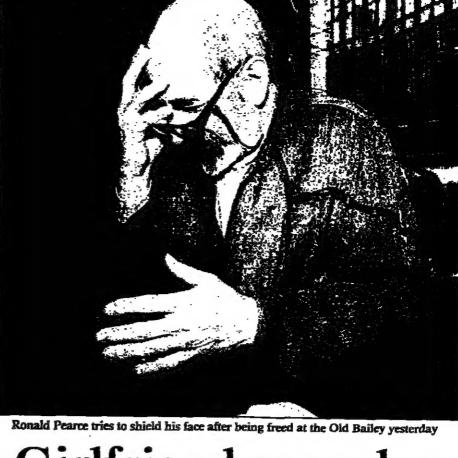
Edgar Pearce: an obsessive perfectionist who had slipped into eccentic behaviour

against me but I racked my brains and couldn't think

Pearce was known to be intelligent and knowledgeable about current affairs but his neighbour Breda Williams said that he would ignore everyone else in the street. "He was weird. He wouldn't speak to anyone at all." Other neighbours thought of him as the "invisible man" because he was so rarely seen in the

At night, Pearce, who was a heavy drinker, would sit by the side of his garden pond

reading until the small hours. Professor David Canter, director of the centre of investigative psychology at Liverpool University, said that Edgar Pearce was on a "search for some sort of feelings of achievement and self-worth rather than escape".



Girlfriend consoles ex-Savile Row tailor

THE brother of the Mardi Gra bomber was "drawn into something he knew nothing about", his girlfriend said as he was freed from prison.

Ronald Pearce, a former Savile Row tailor, was sentenced to a year in jail for possessing the stun gun that was found when he was arrested with his brother Edgar as he withdrew money from cash machines. He was freed yesterday because of the time he

has spent in jail awaiting trial. Ronald Pearce, bespectacled and wearing a grey sweat-shirt, celebrated his freedom with Sonia Bickham at a restaurant in Chiswick, West London, with a cup of hot chocolate and a salad.

The couple sat holding hands as they chatted, catching up on lost time. Miss Bick-ham, who has known Ronald

THE BROTHER for 35 years, denied that the brothers were as close as was

believed. The shop assistant, who has stood by her man throughout, said: They have not really been close at all. They have never been close, but they are brothers.

"Ronald was drawn into something he knew nothing about." Miss Bickham added that she was "clated" by the news that her boyfriend had walked free from court. "Nobody knew what was going to happen. I spoke to him last night and he said, 'Cross your ngers I'll be home."

'His solicitor phoned me this morning with the good news. The last year has been a living nightmare but I always thought it would come to a

good end," Miss Bickham said that they would be celebrating his release in private, and that they had no plans to marry. "He wants to get back to reality. He'll get through this. I don't know if he'll forgive it. He does feel bitter."

She described Ronald as "artistic in every way", adding: "He's a master of whatever he does."

A few hours earlier Ronald Pearce had listened intently in court as the Recorder of London told him: "You have not offered any explanation for your possession of this weapon. But the prosecution cannot say that you intended to use it in any way in the cam-paign conducted by your brother."

Pearce left court yesterday afternoon refusing to speak to waiting reporters.

Daytime television gave inspiration for blackmail and bombs

A DAYTIME television repeat captured the imagination of Edgar Pearce. The programme focused on Rodney Witchelo, a former detective who tried to extort almost £4 million from firms after he contaminated haby food.

Witchelo was jailed for 17 years. Pearce. jobless and with time on his hands after a car accident which he says rendered him incapable of working, was rivered by the programme and believed he could go one better and evade capture. His first job was to establish a target and he hit on Barelays Bank, remembering ten-year-old disagreement which he blamed for his wife falling ill when they ran a business together.

Then came the technological know-how on bomb building, which he pieced together from a television programme depicting spring-loaded car-lridge devices. Over three years, the devices became more and more sophisticated

as he grew in confidence. Aware of the dangers of buying suspicious components close to home, he toured car

THE PLOT

France, he stocked up on shotgun cartridges which he brought back in cases of wine. He always wore gloves when carrying a bomb to its

intended site and always wore the same jacket, which he never wore at home. When he made Sainsbury's his target, Pearce often placed devices inside the store's branded bags, cutting out serial numbers which linked bags to stores. Pearce spoke French and de-

cided to call himself the Mardi Gra bomber with his carupaign starting on a Tuesday. He deliberately left the "S" from the end so that police would know that the bombs were his work. His first six bombs were sent to branches of Barclays which had been picked at random from Yellow Pages. He labelled them with a cutting from a home entertainment magazine which read: 'Welcome to the Mardi

Gra Experience. Pearce switched from targeting Barclays when the bank's chairman expressed concern and walk off without looking about the bomber and Pearce

attacks as an excuse to close branches. He targeted Sainsbury's because he thought that it might be vulnerable to extortion as it fell behind Tesco in the supermarket war.

He sent secretly snatched pictures of Sainsbury shoppers to the Daily Mail, hoping to generate publicity for his cause and to pressurise the supermarket to pay up. When the newspaper did not pub-lish the photographs, he decided to use more dangerous devices to get publicity. Hearing that the IRA was using gas cylinders to achieve bigger explosions, he incorporated a wide range of devices in his campaign. These included a timed device which would fire shrapnel or cartridges from a length

of tubing in a black bin liner. It was only when he was caught on a police video cam-era in March 1998 in Eltham that officers knew for certain that they were hunting for a tures showed him walk across the road, dump a black sack containing a shotgum device

A DEGREE

EDGAR PEARCE had studied and learnt from the crimes of Theodore Kaczynski, the American known as the Unabomber.

American terrorists careful preparation and plan-ning, his ability to avoid detection for long peri-ods, and an obsessive joy in outlowing his pursuers. Kaczynski, who was a

professor at the Universi-ty of California at Berkeley in the 1960s, chuded American investigators for 18 years while carry ing out a string of terror-ing out a string of terror-ist attacks. By the time he was juiled for life in May last year, he had killed three people and injured 28 with home-made bombs containing razor

blades and nails. elear. Kaczynski had sent newspapers a rambling 62-page manuscript in which he demanded a return to "wild nature" and railed against technology. the US Government, and major corporations, and was feted in some quar-ters as a radical environ-

Kaczynski, then 55, was last year sentenced to three life terms for his terrorist crimes, and to another 30 years for killing

was spotted in time by a refuse collector, would have

Another device adopted by Pearce was a "shotgun

bomh" which involved plac-

ing a length of copper piping on a concrete base which.

with the use of a timing de-

vice, would fire a cartridge.

Other adaptations of the shot-

gun bomb involved the tub-

ing being packed with panel pins or ball bearings.

created a lethal fireball.

More for your money at Sainsbury's.



Sainsbury's



Lethal devices made in garden to ignite the escaping gas. Po-lice believe the device, which

THE ARSENAL

BY ADAM FRESCO AND RICHARD DUCE

potentially icthal ombs designed by Edgar Pearce in the garden workhop of his council house tome became increasingly sophisticated as his terror camaign developed.

His first simple but effeclive device was built around an empty video box. Inside there was a shotgun bridge ind a simple doorboit which acted as the firing mechamsm. When the box was pened, a spring-loaded deree shet the bolt into the 12 ore elaborate devices in-



A gun and bullets recovered from Pearce's home

volved a butane gas cylinder connected to an electric circuit, timer and gas lighter which was then placed inside hore cartridge. One of the a plastic bin liner. It was planted on February 1996 out-

side Barelays bank in Eltham High Street and Pearce partially opened the gas valve, allowing the plastic bag to inflate. The timer set off the lighter which he had planned

and two crossbows.

Pearce had converted his reenhouse into a workshop for his bombmaking activities. When police finally raided the property they found six gas cylinders and a dozen 12 volt batteries, further devices

Airborne cameras stalk death columns Bombers queue in the air ready to act on instant information from HOW THE SPIES IN THE CAMPAIGN

sophisticated surveillance, reports

Michael Evans, Defence Editor

YUGOSLAV troops and paramilitaries engaged in "ethnic cleansing" in Kosovo are being monitored by an array of Western surveillance technology in the sky.

When they dare to venture into the open, it is just a question of time before Nato bomb-ers arrive armed with anti-personnel cluster bombs or antitank projectiles to attack. President Milosevic's men are facing a period of high risk.

At this stage in the air campaign, Nato's advanced tech-nology should change the odds. Yugoslav forces must act discreetly to hide from the airborne cameras and reconnaissance systems - the easiest way to outsmart the smartest

of high-tech equipment.

The organisation has in place a network of surveillance systems linked to ground stations or to airborne command aircraft which can provide immediate information to waiting bombers about the location of Yugoslav armoured columns on the move.

With the emphasis turning increasingly to attacks on ground forces, the urgent need is for instant-response aircraft missions. If bombers wait on Italian airbase runways for information to be data-linked back to ground stations, then analysed, it could still be two hours before they are over targets. This is why, according to Paul Beaver of Jane's Information Group. Nato is expected to operate a "cab rank" approach, with aircraft queuing in air space, ready to react the

make an appearance - a strategy used in the Gulf War.

To facilitate the instant response, the Americans have "airborne battlefield and control centre" Hercules aircraft, called EC130E (ABCCC). which have extensive communications antennae. Just as the Awacs provide air-battle management for all Nato aircraft operating over Yugoslavia, the modified Hercules supervise

tank-killing operations. Two US airborne surveillance systems and a German unmanned air vehicle (drone). as well as a range of reconnaissance aircraft, are operating all hours to catch Yugoslav troops in the open. A principal watcher locating, classifying and tracking ground targets in all weathers is the American Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, called JSTARS or Joint Stars, which was first used in the 1991 Gulf War. The joint US Army/US Air Force aircraft can look "sideways" into Kosovo from more than 150 miles away.

The Joint Stars is a modified Boeing 707 with a phased array radar antenna that can provide targeting and battle management data to operators in the aircraft and to ground stations. The radar can detect slow-moving vehicles and, helped by advanced signal processing, can tell the difference between wheeled and tracked vehicles.

When focusing on a smaller area of terrain, the radar image can be enhanced to pro-vide a higher-resolution pic-

Using information from the spy planes and satellites. JSTARs can detect and track Yugoslav armour on the move in Kosovo. Their sideways-looking radar has a range of more than 150 miles. They are detailed images. can demand more detailed images

Satellite and U2 spy planes look for signs of

ground troop activity: information is then

passed to patrolling JSTARS aircraft

advanced synthetic aperture radar produces a photographic map of selected geographic areas, pinpointing precise locations of non-moving targets able to cover nearly 400,000 square miles of territory in a

such as bridges, airports or The radar is reputed to be

single eight-hour sortie. The Joint Stars is aided by two unmanned drones that provide even more precise tactical intel-

American Predator, used over tober 1995, and the German

The information built up by satellites, U2s. JSTARs and

drones is passed to Hercules

mastermind Nato's tank-killin operation in Kosovo

Predator urone can peek at the

satellite to ground stations and to the JSTARs. Drone can stay

on station for 24 hours sending back detailed pictures from up

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'enemy', providing close-up pictures that are relaid via

aircraft specially converted into airborne battlefield command

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'Human shields' limit Harriers' choice of targets

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN GIOLA DEL COLLE

RAF Harrier jet pilots resumed haz-ardous daylight raids on Kosovo yesterday but were being impeded by Serb military commanders using ethnic Albanian villagers as human shields, the RAF said. 'Cluster-bomb units have been dropped today but

there were fewer targets available than before," said Group Captain Ian Travers Smith, an RAF spokesman at the Gioia del Colle base in south-

eastern Italy.
Asked what the problems facing the flyers were, he said: "There have been targets identified that were deemed unattackable." Group Captain Travers Smith said that it was up to the pilots to make a final judgment over whether their bombs might cause unacceptable collateral damage or civilian casualties. "They have the pickle button," he said. They are directed toward a target, if in their opinion the target is attackable it is their final decision."

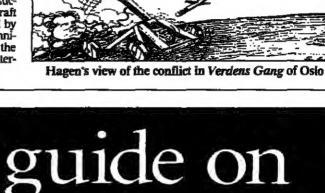
Questioned whether Serb military

convoys threatened by the Harriers

had been moving into inhabited vil-lages to avoid being bombed this week, Group Captain Travers Smith said: "Well what would you do? If somebody called you on a mobile phone and said that there were planes approaching you from 20 miles away, wouldn't you go and hide in a village?"

The latest daylight attacks by the

Harriers were mounted just hours after a night raid launched on ammunitions store where the RAF acknowledged it achieved only "limited success" because of heavy anti-aircraft fire. The raid was also hampered by smoke and haze and a possible technical problem in one aircraft, but all the pilots brought their GR7 fighterbombers back safely.





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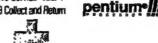
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In Nato steps up air war as Serbs tighten noose

TONY BLAIR yesterday made the defeat of Serbia's ethnic densing policy the "absolute percondition" of Nato calling of its assault against Presi-

He joined President Clinton 10 warn the Yugoslav President that there could be no compromise over Kosovo and that the bombing would continue unabated.

There would be "no halfmeasures, no compromise". Mr. Blair said in a hardline niessage that was also fig. for further attempts by Mr Milosevic to divide the Nato

With the West claiming that Mr Milosevic's ceasefire offer in Kosovo had been spurred by weakness, Mr Blair raised the stakes.

He said on Sky News that, for Nato's bombing to stop, the policy of ethnic cleansing thas to be reversed and be gen to be defeated. That is the absolute precondition of Nato ceasing its action".

Then, on ITN, he added: "Milosevic must withdraw his forces from Kosovo, he must cease the policy of ethnic deansing, and he must allow an international force in to allow people to return to their homes and villages.

That must be the only set of terms on which Nato must setthe this matter. Nothing less will do, no half-measures, no compromise.

In the interviews Mr Blair hinted that Kosovo refugees allowed into Britain were likely to be the elderly, sick and

Downing Street sources said that the refugees coming to Britain would be granted 'exceptional leave to remain". They would be housed in such places as old schools, hospitals ind military establishments. out their stays there would be

The Prime Minister's com-nents came as a new strategy y Mr Milosevic to force eth-

Blair says ethnic cleansing must end, write Philip

had been torched since April 3.

Jamie Shea, the Nato spokes-

man, said that the alliance

was deeply preoccupied by the

stories of war crimes and viola-

tions of international humani-

He said: "Every day brings in more evidence and Nato

governments will be bui'ding

a case in these next few days

and weeks against those who

are responsible." He said

three mass graves had been

identified from refugees' re-ports in the towns of Drenica, Malisevo and in the Pagarusa

Mr Cook said that there was

evidence of killings in the past

24 hours, including reports of

a mass execution carried out

at Pastric, in southwest Kos-

ovo, and the murder of 35

civilians at Sopi, northwest of

Valley in Kosovo.

tarian law in Kosovo.

Webster and Michael Evans

nic Albanian refugees back into Kosovo was causing widespread concern within Nato and the United Nations.

Throughout the day there was confusion over the whereabouts of thousands of refugees who had been queuing up at the borders with Albania and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,

Meanwhile, Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, said that Nato was "ramping up"

attacks on Yugoslavia. More than 100 Nato aircraft were being sent on bombing missions throughout yester-day, including American B52 and B1B long-range bombers based at RAF Fairlord in Gloucestershire.

Asked about reports that Nato aircraft had hit targets in Montenegro, despite an alliance policy to exclude the Yugoslav republic from further bombing, a Nato official said there had been no "pre-planned targets". If con-firmed, it would be the first attacks on Montenegro for a

Mr Cook said: "If Milosevic wants out, he is going to have to try a lot harder [with peace terms]. The bottom line for us and all Nato is that President Milosevic must reverse the ethnic cleansing of Kosovo by allowing its people to return under international protec-

Nato is examining 49 alleged Yugoslav atrocities in Kosovo, and nine Yugoslav colonels have been named as potential war criminals. But there was no evidence, a Nato

Missile kills at east 9 in flats

FROM TOM WALKER IN BELGRADE

ATE media in Serbia reportimore civilian casualties of to bombing raids yesterday er a missile went through a tina block of flats.

A Belgrade television sta-n guoting a journalist with State Tanjug news agency Kosovo, claimed that at ist pine people had died and pred. Dozens more could The missing in the rubble.

ming said. Earlier in the day several vision channels carried pics of Zoran Andjelkovic. ad of the emergency Kosovo vernment, picking through ruins. The images were not dated through the day, a in that state television's abilto transmit has been hant-

red by bomb damage to av stations. l'anjug said that a Turkish nily of five named Gashi re killed in the blast, includthildren aged nine, seven six. An Albanian also d. along with a Serbian stal worker. Another body ild be seen trapped beneath en masonry, and a ninth I not been identified. ocal rescue workers said

t their clearing-up opera-

tion was being hampered by unexploded ordnance. Selected international television crews were taken to the scene yesterday by the Yugoslav

Army.
The Third Corps of the Yugoslav Army confirmed that it had halted operations in the province after the declaration of a unilateral ceasefire by President Milosevic of Yugoslavia. Sources would not confirm reports that Nato had hit a military convoy in Kosovo for the first time; they did say. however, that army barracks in the western city of Pec had suffered overnight damage.

BK television in Belgrade reported that at least ten missiles hit central Pristina and the city's airport. The other main damage reported from Tuesday night's strikes was in Novi Sad, where an oil refinery was blown up. Interviews with two night watchmen who survived were played on all media channels throughout

the day. Although Nato dismissed Mr Milosevic's ceaselire as a negotiating bluff, the Yugoslav President appeared deter-mined to push his own solution to the crisis.

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Robin Cook with Bili Djonballaj, an interpreter for the now closed British Embassy in Belgrade, and, left, Baton Haxhiu, a former editor in exile, during his announcement yesterday to fund a news network for Kosovans

Cook attacks Milosevic's greed

By MICHAEL EVANS

ROBIN COOK, the Foreign Secretary, taunted President Milosevic yesterday, challenging him to come clean about his secret bank accounts, his villas on Greek islands and

his "luxury yacht". In a direct challenge to Mr Milosevic, he said: "Your people have seen the economy of Serbia more than halved during your time in power. "Tell the people of Serbia how much wealth you have

sucked out of Serbia during been impoverished. Show your people the photographs of the villas you and your family own in Athens, Corfu and

Crete. Let them see the luxury

yacht you keep in Greece

while they struggle to make

He added: "And come clean with the reservists who are being called up, whether it is true that your son and his family are sitting out the war at their villa in Greece."

Brussels unveils £175m aid package

THE European Union yester-day unveiled a £175 million package of aid to Macedonia and Albania, the two states bearing the brunt of the exodus from Kosovo, and raised the prospect of long-term economic favours as a reward for coping with the crisis and aiding the Western alliance.

At the same time, EU interior ministers thrashed out a politically sensitive plan to share out the burden of housing refugees evacuated from Kosovo

and to divide the costs. Top Russian officials also held talks at Nato's headquarters as Germany and France pressed to bring Moscow into planning for a peace deal.

The EU aid package, expected to be approved by foreign ministers today, is part of an ef-fort to finance the humanitarian relief operation and also to shore up the fragile governments of Macedonia and Albania, which stand to receive some £70 million in compensation payments.

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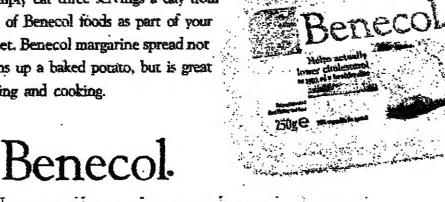
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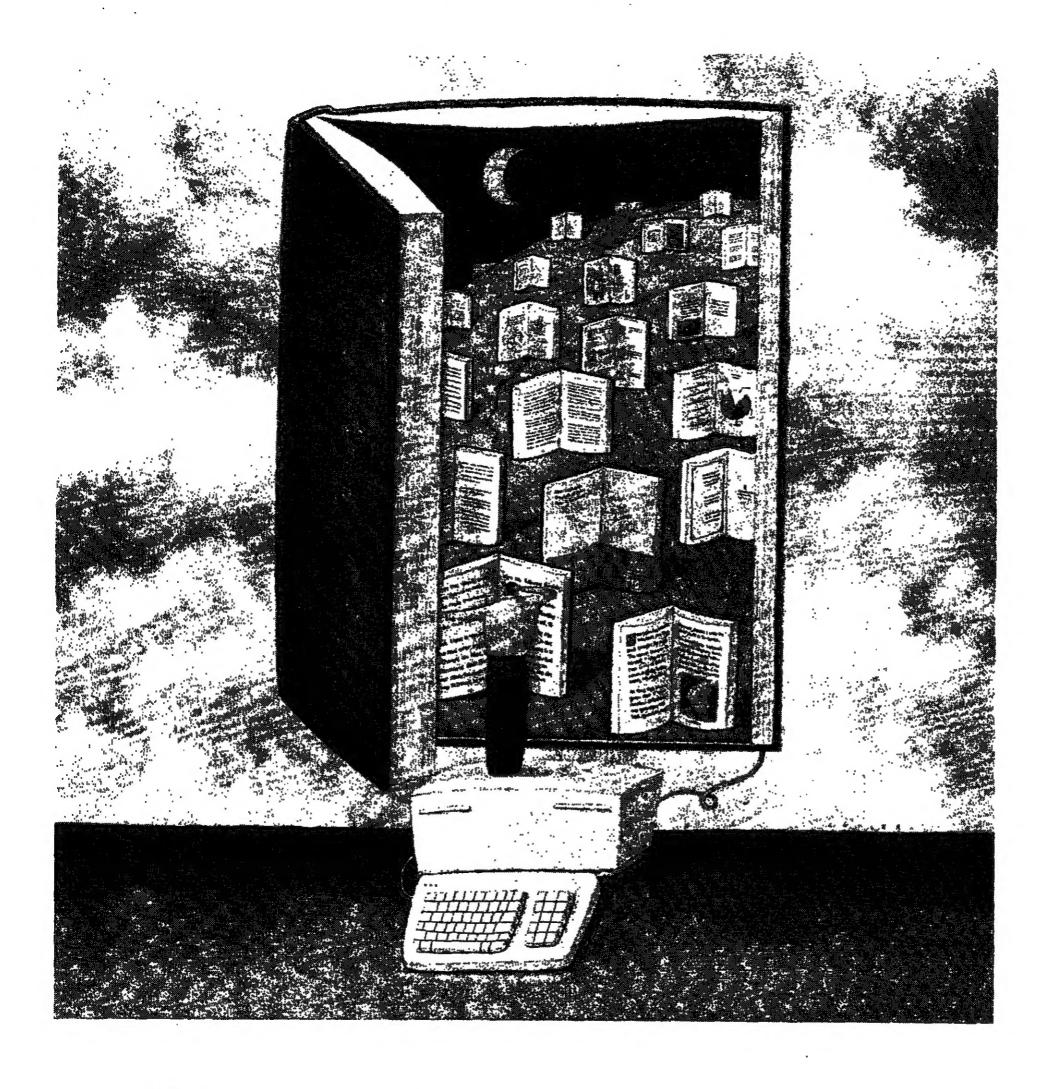


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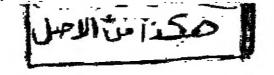


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Serbs shut off Albania escape route

Thousands have been ordered to turn back from the Albanian border to be used as human shields, writes

Sam Kiley from Morine

CONSISTENTLY wrong-footing his Nato enemies. President Milosevic yesterday came up with a horrific new tactic, keeping Kosovo's remaining ethnic Albanians as human shields against Nato airstrikes on his armour and infantry rather than expelling them.

Mr Milosevic suddenly closed all border crossings into Albania at 3am yesterday and ordered his special police and border guards to force a U-turn in a 20-mile queue of terrified civilians waiting to escape to Albania.

Estimated to number between 80,000 and 100,000, the refugees were seen ordered out of their cars and tractors as they waited outside the Morine border post, and returning "home" to villages burnt and blown up during a formight of "ethnic cleansing" by Serb forces during Nato

airstrikes. The offers of a ceasefire [by the Serbs and the order to return to homes that have already been destroyed, you can bet your bottom dollar, are not because Milosevic is going to take care of Kosovo's Albanians." said Doran Vienneau, an observer at Morine with the Organisation of Security and Co-operation in Europe.
"He's realised that, if he expels everyone, then he won't have any hostages and will leave Nato a clear field of fire. He's going to herd these people into holding areas, or chain them to tanks. He is capable of anything.

This is close to the end game for the Kosovo Albanians and now Nato have to figure out how they're going to at-tack armoured divisions surrounded by civilians," Mr Vienneau added.

As he spoke, the sonic boom from Nato jets high above the valley of Morine was matched with the closer sounds of continued Serb bombardments of Kosovo's villages. Just across the border, the Serbs burnt a town after they ordered the huge line of refugees to return deep into Kosovo.

The confidence of the Serbs in Kosovo flew in the face of Nato statements boasting of

"We have evidence of units that had to go into holding op-erations or holding patterns because of shortages of, specifically, gas and ammo, said Rear-Admiral Thomas Wilson, director of intelligence for the American Joint Chiefs of Staff. However, he acknowledged that few troops or tanks have been struck, mostly be-cause they are hiding in moun-



A Kosovan refugee at a camp in Macedonia yesterday before Serb troops forced ethnic Albanians at the border to return to Kosovo to be used a human shields against airstrikes

tainous terrain or are too close to refugees.

Kenneth Bacon, the Penta-

sign that he [Mr Milosevic] is rattled". But Nato planners and their political masters will now have to grapple with the ghastly puzzle of up to half a

million human shields in Kosovo. Kosovo's ethnic Albanians have pinned great hopes on the expected arrival of 24 Apache attack helicopters in

Albania with orders to strike at the infantry and armour which has been turned on the heavily armed Apaches in Kosovo could bring a new dimen-sion to the conflict and provide the vanguard for a troop deployment on the ground. But intelligence sources and Nato

more than two weeks into the air campaign, most of Yugoslavia's air defence systems

Guards close exiles' road to Macedonia

SERB soldiers yesterday ordered thousands of Kosovo refugees back to their homes as they sealed their escape route into the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Senior Nato officers, who used spy planes to monitor the forced return, believe that the Serbs intend to use these families as human shields against the intensifying bombardment of Pristina, the province's capital.

Nato sources last night said this is the first evidence of President Milosevic trying ot urs tloc of Kosovo to protect them from further airstrikes. The sound of bombing could clearly be heard coming from Pristina, even as the Serbs began to turn back the

refugees in the darkness. Witnesses told how Serb police started moving along the column of vehicles that has been stranded at the border checkpoints with Macedonia for ten days. One aid

The same tactics by the Serbs are

witnessed by Danny McGrory at Blace

worker who was caught up in the 12-mile jam said men in the same uniforms as those who had warned her never to return to Kosovo

safe to go home. Colleagues she spoke to in Skopje yesterday said: "Families were asking the police how can it be safe when we hear bombs falling.

The police offered some at the back of this line food and hot drinks. They brought pet-rol for those whose vehicles had run out. When it was clear to the Serbs that many were too scared to turn back

to homes that were probably burnt out anyway, she said that the police told them at gunpoint to start their cars." An aid official said: "The families did not know where they were going. They had to follow Serb police cars. Oth-ers were told to walk back the way they had come. This

is a very sinister move." To make sure there was no alternative for these dazed and confused families, the Serbs suddenly closed their road crossings at Blace and Jazince early yesterday.

preoccupied with watching Macedonain troops evict an estimated 30,000 refugees from their side of the border that no one noticed Serb border police begin to push families away from their checkpoint near a cement factory. Where 24 hours previously

Eviction

anisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe mission.

said: "We have to find out urgently what has happened to these people. I'm glad they are-

away from this cesspit, but now we have to make sure

they are treated well and families are not split up."
Aid officials noted that there

was room in the camps being

hurriedly constructed by Nato troops all along the frontier,

but British troops from the

Brazile camp six miles away could only watch helplessly as they discreetly followed the procession of 350 buses head-

ing southwest towards the Al-

banian border. The Nato com-

mander Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Jackson said: "We

have no authority to intervene,

but we had made it clear we

could take more refugees. We

would like some explanation

By first light bulldozers were ready to obliterate what

had become one of the most of-

fensive symbols of how Kos-

ovo's refugees were received

by its southern neighbour.

There was no attempt to re-

trieve any personal belongings

or documents. Blace camp

Aid groups are now switching their attention to the bor-

der at Jazince where the Mace-

donians were allowing only a trickle of refugees to cross. At the times the only way

across the 200 yards of no man's land was on a stretcher.

Steve Gordon of the International Medical Corps said:

"Thousands have been left in the open, just like Blace, with similarly no sanitation, shelter and food and no one has got to

Their ordeal worsened overnight as the Serbs closed the

border on their side. All you

could hear across the empty tarmac that marked the frontier crossing was the sound of

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BALKANS WAR: POLICY DOUBTS

Albright made US scapegoat



The Secretary of State is being accused of misreading Milosevic, Ben Macintyre reports from Washington

bright. hawlish fire in America for misreading President Milosevic and plunging America into a war in the Balkans without a

clear idea of how to get out. As the Nato bombardment continues, the US media have turned on Ms Albright as the principal American architect of that policy, accusing her of following an agenda based more on wishful thinking and personal inclination than diplomatic and military realities.

The wave of recrimination has raised the issue of whether Ms Albright can long retain her office if Mr Milosevic cannot be removed from

"Albright misjudged Milosevic on Kosovo," declared an untypically stark headline in The Washington Post yesterday, in which the Secretary of State was accused of basing US policy on the mistaken belief that the Serb leader would back down either before, or very soon after. Nato resorted to force.

"These miscalculations about the officacy of the threat . . . have led the United States and its allies into an air war in Europe that has produced some of the same negative consequences they said they were trying to head off." the newspaper stated.

Forced on to the defensive. the combative Ms Albright has refused to acknowledge that US policymakers have been wrong-footed by the level of Serbian defiance or the scale of "ethnic cleansing" in Kosovo. Indeed, she has declined to discuss the steps that led to the bombardment. "We will have plenty of time to go back and look at

what we did or did not do . . . I am completely focused on what we are doing now." she said on Tuesday.

Ms Albright's critics say she played the leading role in rejecting the warnings of senior intelligence and military advisers and persuading President Clinton of the

need to use force. She was also the most vigorous proponent of the view that air power alone would suffice, predicting that Mr Milosevic, "a playground bully", would back off after one sharp punch on the nose, despite evidence to the contrary shown by another "bul-

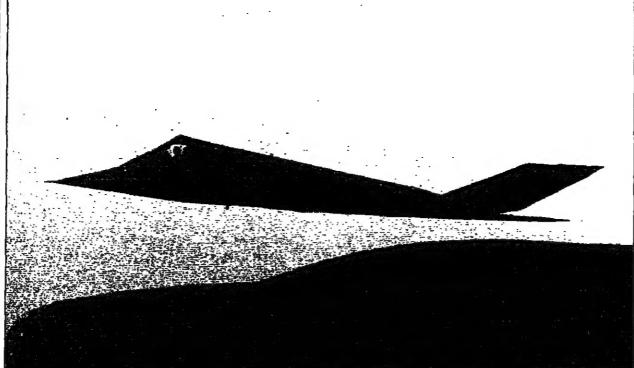
ly" in Iraq. That Mr Milosevic might hunker down through the air attacks while accelerating his onslaught in Kosovo was considered by Ms Albright and her advisers to be the least likely of scenarios.

One official has described the Yugoslav conflict as "Al-bright's war", and critics have argued that her enthusiasm for military action against Serbia is a reflection not only of her own history. as a wartime refugee from Czechoslovakia, but also of her personal ambition.

Desperate for a foreign policy success to compare with that of Richard Holbrooke. with whom she has often josrled over US policy in the Balkans, Ms Albright intended the peace talks at Rambouillet in France to be her own version of the Dayton accords and the apogee of her diplomatic career. Everyone in Albright's

circle is very conscious of how anxious she is to have a victory to call her own. Instead, she now has a calamity of her own," wrote the columnist Arianna Huffington.

If the costly air bombardment continues without a definite result or, worse, evolves into a protracted ground war, then US public opinion is certain to be rather more than mildly irritated and there may be no one, least of all Bill Clinton, who will step in to save Ms Albright.



An F117A Nighthawk Stealth fighter en route from its base in Oklahoma to join the campaign against Yugoslavia

Nato is on target in ideological battle

tarianism should be resisted.

Since Mr Milosevic has inher-

ited Stalin's legacy, it is abso-

lutely right that Nato should

also be clear that Nato's opera-

tion is not simply the United

States and Britain acting as

Europe's policemen. This is a war on behalf of Europe, be-

ing waged by Europe.
The pictures we see on our

television screens concentrate

on the skill and bravery of

RAF crews, and the significant

contribution of the United

States. This is entirely natural.

But Kosovo is not a re-run of

the Gulf War. Thirteen Nato

allies are taking part in this op-

eration: a Dutch Fl6 has shot

down a Serbian MiG29 and

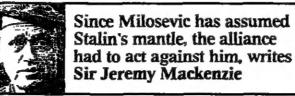
German Tornados are playing key roles in suppressing Serb

or old Nato hands like me, some of the newspaper articles in recent days by former serving officers, many of whom are old friends and former colleagues, have revealed a worrying tack of understanding about the alliance.

There is real debate to be had about Nato's long-term role and how Kosovo will affect that. But from a military point of view. the crisis in the Balkans has shown Nato in a more positive light than its critics would have us believe.

Too many of these critics appear stuck in a Cold War mindset, and a Cold War that has been conveniently reassessed to fit their arguments. They portray Nato simply as a military counterweight to Russia, but it was more than that.

The North Atlantic Treaty opens with a commitment to saleguard the "freedom. common heritage and civilisation" of the member states. Nato was an ideological organisation when it was established in



1949 and it is an ideological organisation today. What has changed fundamentally is the context for this ideology. Nato was founded to protect West- act against him. We should ern Europe against the bully-ing and repression of Soviet communism which made life miserable for so many of our fellow Europeans for most of the second half of this century.

Russia has renounced totalitarianism and the methods of inflicting it on its people against which Nato protected us. But the Soviet Union's Stalinist mantle has been assumed by President Milosevic. He is inflicting on Kosovo precisely the pain and suffering that Nato was conceived to guard against.

The architects of Nato were determined that Stalin's totali-

air defences. And the allies are doing so on the basis of political consensus. All Nato decisions are taken jointly by all allies. Nato is therefore dealing with Mr Milosevic in the same way that it has deterred Soviet aggression, as a truly multinational alliance.

Of course, in today's vastly different world, the strategy and tactics of the Cold War will no longer do. This is not a war for our national survival but a campaign to prevent a humanitarian disaster on our continent. The ends are different and so must be the means.

I have no doubt that the Nato air offensive will achieve its aim of degrading Mr Milosevic's ability to wage war on the people of Kosovo. But 1 also know that this too will take time. Quick fixes such as the Gulf War are the exception to the rule, and any professional critic who says otherwise is doing us all a disservice. □Sir Jeremy Mackenzie was Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe for Nato be-tween 1994 and 1998

How well was Blair briefed?

Did the men of Whitehall make Downing St fully aware of the risks involved in Nato's strategy? Sue Cameron asks



ow strongly did Britain's top civil servants warm Tony Blair about the risks of his Balkan adventure? As it becomes clear that Nato has failed in its declared aim of protecting the Kosovan Albanians and the threat of a murderous ground war comes a little closer, civil service insiders are wondering if this war will go down as one of White-

hall's greatest failures.
"Did Whitehall bog it up?" asked one former top civil servant this week. "Or did the Prime Minister overrule civil servants when they laid out all the arguments against bombing Serbia? He has every right to do so, of course, but I am quite certain there will have been rumblings round the table of Committee Room C."

The large and elegant Committee Room C is in the Cabinet Office. It is where the permanent secretaries the top civil servants in each government department meet every Wednesday. It is chaired by the most senior mandarin of them all. Sir Richard Wilson, the Cabinet Secretary and confidant of Mr Blair. It is his success in forging a strong relationship with the Prime Minister that

is raising eyebrows now. Few in Whitehall doubt that Sir Richard will have put all the possibilities to Mr Blair. What some are wondering is whether he gave strong enough warnings about the worst-case scenarios. For rumblings at those top-level meetings in Committee Room C will all centre on the same things: how it was that the consequences of bombing were not thought

through more thoroughly. "Richard won't have wanted to jeopardise his relationship with Blair by going against a policy the Prime Minister wanted," said one man who has worked with

the top civil servant. "Sir Richard is very courageous and he has a brilliant mind another former colleague said. "But he is . . . well, a bit of a courtier."

Sir Richard will not have been the only mandarin intimately involved in advising ministers on the crisis, Sir John Kerr, head of the Foreign Office, will also have played a key role, as will kevin Tebbit, senior official at the Ministry of Defence.

Sir John has spent much of his career in Europe, but his last post before taking over at the Foreign Office was as Ambassador in Washington and he is an Atlanticist. A former permanent secretary believes he may have been worried about the recent glitches in Britain's relationship with the US.

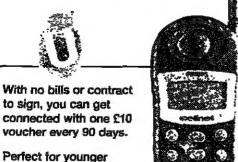
Some on the diplomatic circuit lear that Mr Blair's willingness to fall in behind the US bodes ill for the future of the "special relationship". As one former ambassador remarked: "We could be in for a period of poodledom."

Misgivings among diplomats are as nothing compared with the concern inside the Ministry of Defence.

The MoD must always be prepared for war. "It's what we keep them for and the military don't like to say no," one former permanent secretary said. However, the military has had its doubts from the start about the objectives of the Nato attack and whether Mr Milosevic could be bombed into submission.

In the Falklands conflict there was a clear, limited military objective - to oust the Argentine invaders, and only Britain and Argentina were involved. If Mr Blair hopes that this war will do for him what the Falkands did for Margaret Thatcher. he should think again. ☐ Sue Cameron is a writer and broadcaster on White-

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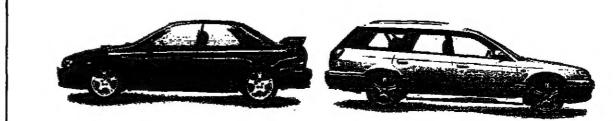
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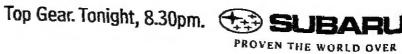
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Yugoslavia stamps its defiance

Nam stamp yesterday in a mark of protest at the allied airstrikes against its towns

The stamp depicts a bull's eye - the logo of Serb demonstrators. Beneath it is written "target", a capital "A" to denote the first in the series, and Yugoslavia" in Cyrillic.

We have had a huge number delivered and we are expecting more designs," said a cashier in Belgrade's main post office in Takosvska Street ast night. She said the stamps had no recent precedent, but philatelists in the city recalled the issue of a special series during the Second World War, when Belgrade was last

The stamp does not denote a denomination because of the olumneting value of the dinar. It can be used only domestically since all international mail deliveries have ceased. At yesterday's value, 50 stamps were selling for 102 dinars, or roughly £3.50.

The second issue in the

series will feature an F117 Stealth bomber, the only US plane downed so far in the air war. The Stealth motif has already featured on a postcard from Budjanovci, where it came down. On the reverse side a message reads: "If undelivered, please return to the White House".

The bull's eye motif adorns T-shirts, baseball caps and badges. The more chic Belgraders also attach it to their pets as they take them for walks in the shopping district. Belgrade mocks

Nato with a postal flourish. Tom Walker in Belgrade writes

when tens of thousands demonstrated against the regime of President Milosevic, adversily seems to have brought out the city's creative best. Television stations have

shown an array of anti-Nato cartoons and sequences likening the Western alliance to Nazi Germany, BK television, run by Bogoljub Karic, the most powerful businessman in Serbia and a close friend of the Milosevics, has an especially creative graphics depart-ment. Yesterday the channel showed Nato aircraft flying in a swastika formation, followed by the simple caption:



The first postage stamp in the anti-Nato series

The issue of the stamps came after a bleak day for the Yugoslav postal system: earlier, state television showed pictures from Pristina, the capital of Kosovo, where the main post office had apparently been destroyed by a rogue Nato missile.

The country's telephone system is just coping, although the small mobile network service in Kosovo has ground to a halt after Nato destroyed a vital transmitter, Landlines are coming under increasing strain, and connections to friendly countries like Greece, Russia and Ukraine tend to be better and easier. All links with Britain went down for 24

hours two days ago.

The bombing of bridges in the northern city of Novi Sad has also severed some communications networks, and there are fears that Yugoslavia's few Internet service providers might soon fold. With the postal system almost non-existent,

bills cannot be posted.

The television network is similarly threatened, and the state-run Radio Television Serbig now relies on the frequencies of other stations in towns and cities to broadcast its message. In many rural areas, there is no longer any tele-

vision service.
Sources in Radio Television Serbia say they fear that the station's headquarters in cen-tral Belgrade could be target-ted by Nato missiles, although the building is located in a more built-up area than the Interior Ministry, which was



Yugoslavs protesting at Nato raids display the bull's eye logo which they have adopted as their anti-war symbol

A cheap weapon in time of war

BY CHRISTINE MIDDAP

POSTAGE stamps are a relatively cheap propaganda tool

in times of war, David Beech, the head of the philatelic collection at the British Library, said that while stamps were often issued to commemorate a vicfory, it was not uncommon for them to be used for propa ganda purposes

Essentially, the more need for propaganda the more extreme the stamps. They are common when a country needs to demonstrate what is happening for propaganda purposes," he said.

An example of this was a series of stamps issued by Russia in 1940 called "Occupation of Eastern Poland". The stamps depicted Poles welcoming Soviet troops and waving to columns of lanks. Another scene showed soldiers distributing newspa-

pers to the people. Hitter's head appeared on stamps in Germany from the 1930s. These survived the end of the Second World War. when the Allied occupation forces continued to use the stamps with the offending

face masked by stars. More recently, Hanoi is sued stamps during the Viet-nam War depicting victorious Victoong fighters on captured American tanks.

Nationalist demagogue thrives on catastrophe

NATO'S rejection of Yugoslavia's ceasefire offer in Kosovo is likely to fuel a vicious battle now under way in Belgrade, one which pits Serb against Serb.

For the alliance bombing is helping to bolster the power of a former paramilitary leader said to be mentally scarred after being tortured and allegedly raped by Muslim prisoners when he served a jail sentence. in his native Sarajevo.

Vojislav Seselj, the Serbian Deputy Prime Minister who counts among his friends Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the Russian nationalist extremist, and Jean-Marie Le Pen, the French far-right leader, is determined m"cleanse" Serbia of the moderates and democrats be denormores as traitors and fifth columnists.

Masked men in the pay of Mr Seselj and his Radical Pary are believed to be behind a ampaign of beatings and inimidation aimed at ridding he country of human rights Power struggle pits Serb against Serb,

writes Eve-Ann **Prentice**

activists and champions of democracy. The victims include lawyers, journalists and intellectuals, many of whom have fled to Hungary.

Mr Seselj fosters that the Nato bombings are largely the fault of moderates and his power base is spreading at the expense of politicians such as Vuk Draskovic. his counterpart in the federal Yugoslav Government. It was Mr Draskovic who on Tuesday announced the Kosovo ceasefire offer and even Downing Street recognises that his star is waning, saying that he

One aspect of Mr Seselj's campaign has been the closure of several leading independent Serbian newspapers and the respected B92 radio station. He is also believed to be behind the orders to instruct guards to keep foreign journalists out of the country by refus-ing to acknowledge visas is-sued by Mr Draskovic's ally, the Yugoslav Information Min-

ister, Milan Komnenic. In the Byzantine world of Balkan politics, Mr Seselj has a complex relationship with President Milosevic and his

wife, Mira Markovic. Political analysts in Belgrade believe that the ex-paramilitary chief has been used by Mr Milosevic to garner support among the less well-educated. But now some fear that his frenzied anti-Western rhetoric may be striking a chord with more moderate Serbs who are united against the

Nato bombings. Although Mr Seselj has in the past denounced Mrs Markovic, he and his party are close-ly allied to her United Yugo-

slav Left movement.
A skilful manipulator of his audiences, Mr Seselj employs the same tactics as Mr Zhirinovsky, making promises of money to those who have been hardest hit by sanctions - the mass of Serbian workers and

Born in Sarajevo in 1950, Mr Seselj was reported to be the brightest student of political science of his generation at Sarajevo University. Howev-er, he seems to have undergone a personality change after being jailed for 22 months in 1984, after the discovery of a "counter-revolutionary" document written by him. The manuscript, which was never published, advocated a multi-party system and the ending of republic status for Bosnia and Montenegro. Bosnia was too. Muslim, he wrote in his treatise, while Montenegro was so full of Serbs that it should just be a natural part of Serbia. It was while serving his sentence that he was certainly tortured and allegedly raped by fellow prisoners. During the wars in Croatia and Bosnia, Mr Seselj led one of the two most feared paramilitary groups, the other

being headed by Arkan. Now Mr Milosevic faces a crucial choice — whether to throw in his lot with Mr Seselj. or to shore up the flagging support for Mr Draskovic. Clearly there is no longer room for both men in Serbia's corridors of power.



Seselj: experience in jail

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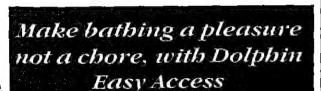


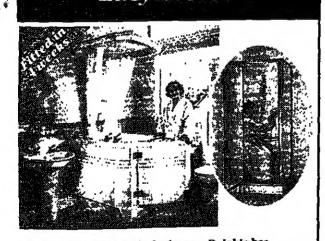
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Teenage girl dies in new danger sport

ded in Australia while "canyening", an adventure sport tiat involves swimming through fast-flowing river

gorges. Siobhan Halls, 17, drowned n the Blue Mountains area. about 50 miles west of Sydney. where she was on holiday. She s believed to have hit her head on a rock. Her father, Richard, aid yesterday that she was iot wearing a safety helmet.

The relatively new activity has claimed several lives. It is recognised as one of the most dangerous of the "white-knuckle" activities, which include bungee jumping and white-water rafting. Canyoning involves following the path of a river by swimming, scrambling over rocks and abseiling down waterfalls.

A BRITISH schoolgiri has keen horserider who was aware of the dangers of head injuries. "She would never ride without a helmet - that is what surprises me."

Miss Halls, from Steppingley in Bedfordshire, was with two male friends when the accident happened in the Mount Wilson area, near the town of Katoomba, where a network

of creeks have cut deep, nar-row gorges into the rock. Her companions, both Aus-tralians, told police that they were swept away during the expedition along the Wollangambe River on Monday.

They managed to drag themselves out of the swirling water but became separated from the schoolgirl.

Because the rugged mountain area is so remote, it took them five hours to raise the Mr Halls, who runs a sta-bles, said his daughter was a recovered next day by New

South Wales police: It was wedged underwater by rocks. Officers said yesterday that heavy rain had transformed the river into a fast-flowing flood, making conditions more risky than usual.

Mr Halls said his daughter, a lower sixth form pupil at Redborne Upper School in Ampthill, Bedfordshire, was not a strong swimmer but was taking lessons.

Apart from a sailing course,

she had not taken part in adventure activities before. A member of the Pony Club, she had ridden for Bedfordshire and had five horses. She had travelled to Sydney with her mother, Jean, for a five-week holiday and was

staying with an aunt. The two

young men involved were friends of the family. Bryant's Eye, page 49



Siobhan Halls, a keen horse-rider, was said by her father not to be a strong swimmer

Canyons give thrill-seekers ultimate high

By Adrian Lee

CANYONING evolved from potholing and abseiling as lovers of "extreme sports" continued their search for the ultimate outdoor thrill.

It is believed that the sport. which is sometimes known as "canyoneering", was invented by potholers looking for undiscovered caves in France or New Zealand. A combination of walking, swimming, jumping and climbing, it attracts only the most daring adventur-

Activity and outdoor centres across the world include it in their programmes, alongside established "white-knuckle" pursuits, such as white-water rafting. In Scotland, one company asks would-be canyoneers to sign disclaimers stating that they feel confident with their heads under water in confined spaces. A session

Hard-core enthusiasts take to rivers at night, sometimes throwing themselves 100ft into deep pools. Although Miss Halls was not wearing a helmet, most centres insist on one, as well as elbow pads. ropes, a wetsuit and buoyancy aids. Instructors with mountaineering qualifications are always present

The sport has claimed at least one other British life. In 1996. a 43-year-old Ayrshire man died when he was sucked into a whirlpool while canyoning in the French Alps.
"Of course all these sports

have an element of risk," said a spokeswoman for one British company, "Canyoning is about pushing yourself to the

In the Blue Mountains, a vast area of creeks and rivers, at least four companies offer one-day canyoning expeditions, and injuries are not uncommon. A worker at one adventure company in Katoom-ba said: "Canyoning is more dangerous than absciling or climbing. You are often walking on slippery rocks and can fall. But if you go with a reputable company, the accident rate

Twin drowned after coastguard dinghy warning

GIRL who drowned when er inflatable toy dinghy was wept out to sea died only ours after a warning by coastmards of the danger.

Hayley Butler, 12, is be-leved to have jumped out when the dinghy was about 10 metres from the shore in attempt to swim to safety eainst the tide.

Her twin sister Hannah nd a cousin, also 12, got back the beach at the small Linplashire resort of Huttoff, par Mablethorpe. But, as her preuts watched helplessly, ayley sank within five mintes while clutching a plastic

After an incident involving 157n Mablethorpe since mov-vo people in a dinghy the jing from Derby eight years ay before, coastguards had iven warnings on local radio po flimsy and unstable to be

ken into the sea. The dead girl's mother Tri-a. 44, said: "Hayley was just jolly kid. She was very good o the elderly neighbours near as. She was a very popular member of her class at school. Ve were just having a family ifternoon on the beach with the kids when this happened." The girl, whose father died



Hayley Butler: her twin

several years ago, had lived with her mother, stepfather, twin sister and brother Dean.

By last night her body had still not been found but the utes after the incident, four

miles off shore. John Harrison, the Lincolnshire sector manager for HM Coastenard, said: "It's foolbardy using an inflatable dinghy at sea. During the summer we go along the beaches pleading with people not to go out in inflatables but they ignore us and some of them end up

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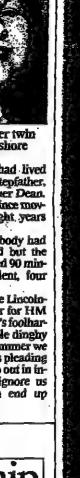
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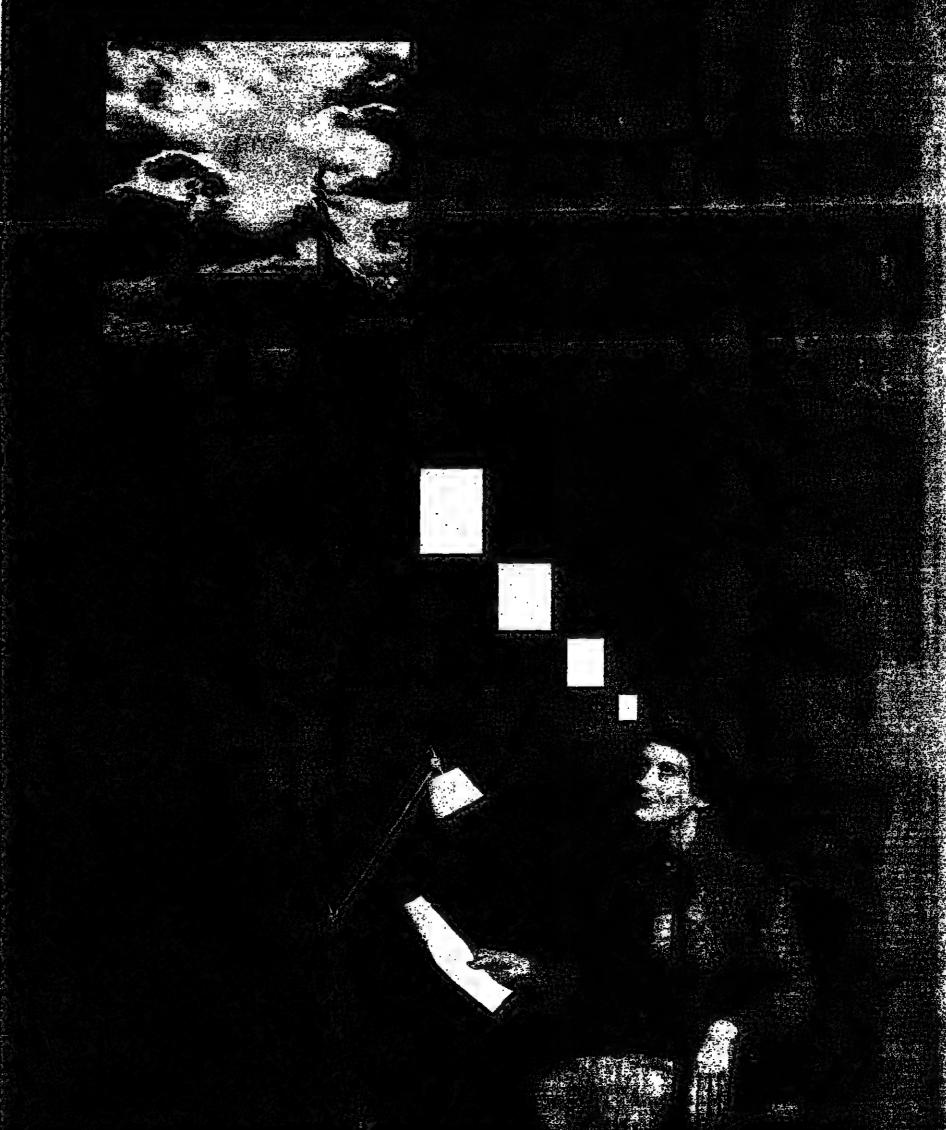
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Mobile phones 'quicken the brain'

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Critics have blamed mobile phones for stress and cancer

Scientists allay memory loss fears but want more research on brain 'hot spot', reports Nigel Hawkes

MOBILE telephones do not damage memory, although they do have one unexpected effect: quicker reaction times. This could be caused by localised heating in one part of the brain and needs further

investigation, according to a study ordered by the Government in response to fears about the safety of mobile phones. If the heating is caused by

study team at Bristol University said, it could have long-term health effects. This is because the body produces heat-shock proteins as a normal response to heating, and the long-term effect of such proteins in the brain is not known.

Contrary to earlier press reports, the study, published in the International Journal of Radiation Biology, found no effect on short-term memory in 36 volunteers subjected to half-hour bursts of microwave radiation mimicking mobile telephones The volunteers had devices

simulating the microwave out-

put of mobile telephones clamped on their left ears, placing them close to the areas of the brain that control language. They were shown words and pictures on a computer screen and tested for

how well they recalled them. The results show that recall was not affected by whether or not the device was turned on. Nor were any changes found in tests for spatial awareness or attention.

The experiments did show a small improvement in reaction times. The words "yes" and "no" were flashed on to the screen and the volunteers had to react by pressing a matching button. When the headset was switched on and mimicking an analogue telephone, reaction times Improved by 4 per cent.

Although this change is small, it occurred in two groups of volunteers and is unlikely to be a chance finding. A similar trend was observed with digital signals but was not statistically significant.

Alan Preece, the project leader, said that the suspect heating was "mild" but said that further tests were required. His team has already begun testing to see if the microwave transmissions can effect blood flow and to learn more about

the cause of the heating. His suggestion of a heating effect is controversial as telephone firms say that there is insufficient microwave power from mobile telephones to produce such an effect. They say that if there is any heating, some other mechanism must be at work.

The study was funded by the Department of Health and by trustees of the United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust. It was carried out amid fears that mobile telephones may cause stress, memory loss or

The volunteers did not know if the telephones were switched or or off, or if they were emit-ting analogue or digital signals. Dr Preece and colleagues theless, power-dependent," the speculate that the signals may team concludes. The effect of be having an effect on the anthe microwaves seems to be to speed the flow of electrical gular gyrus, a ridge-shaped part of the cerebral cortex of signals through the angular the brain which acts as an ingyrus but it remains unclear terface between the visual and why this should happen. speech centres and which lies Although the effect is not under and on the same side as damaging, opponents of mobile telephones are likely to

"Such an effect could be consistent with mild, localised

a mobile telephone.

A plastic head is used to show the effect of a mobile telephone on human brain tissue. The government-backed study found localised heating but the cause was not clear heating or possibly a non-ther-SYMPTOMS AND RESEARCH mal response which is, never-

Cancer

In 1997 researchers at the Royal Adelaide Hospital In Australia scenti-18 months exposing mice to microwave radiation at the intensity and frequency emitted by digital mobile phones. Twice as many mice developed lymphomas, a cancer of the lymph system, as those not exposed. But three other teams have tried and failed to replicate the result. In the latest study, scientists at Brooks Air Force Base in Texasexposed mice genetically engineered to be susceptible to breast turnours to microwaves for 20 hours a day for 18 months, but saw no increase in cancer rates. Michael Repacholi, who is co-ordinating research for the World Health Organisation into the health effects of electromagnetic radiation, told New Scientist that he is reserving Judgment on his study until it can be replicated. "If they don't come up with the same result, that will be a happy outcome," he said.

Heating the brain

Claims that mobile phones can heat the brain have been treated sceptically until now. Even if true, the degree of heating would be much less than that achieved by mild exercise, and unlikely to have long-term effects. More worrying would be evidence that microwaves have a subtle and previously unknown effect on cells. Today's evidence from Bristol University hints at such an effect. Research at Nottingham University, led by David de Pomerai, has shown that exposing nematode worms to microwaves produces heat-shock proteins. These ere produced by cells in response to many kinds of stress in addition to heat. These experiments could not have generated sufficient heat to produce the heat-shock proteins, so Dr de Pomeral believes there may be a separate mechanism at work.

DNA damage

Henry Lat. of the University of Washington in Seattle, claimed in 1995 that rats exposed to microwaves showed breaks in their DNA of the kind caused by carcinogenic chemicals or X-rays. If so, one would expect microwaves to cause cancer if exposure lasted long enough. But two teams -- in St Louis, Missouri, and Belgium -- have since falled to replicate the result. The World Health Organisation is now spending \$6 million, partly funded by mobile phone firms, on an epidemiological study that will compare 3,000 brain turnour patients with 3,000 controls to see if there is any difference in their mobile phone use.

Headaches and tiredness

A study from Sweden last year showed that people who made frequent mobile phone calls were more likely to complain of headaches and tiredness. But people's expectations can colour such studies. Users in Norway, where mobile phone fears had been publicised, were twice as likely to complain than those in Sweden, where fewer such stories appeared

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sioned from the National Phys-

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The laboratory tested the

Microshield and Oyster Radia-tion Eliminator. They used

two mobile telephones: a Nokia

2110 and Motorola MR30.

Field strength was tested in-

side a head made of a human

down, the Microshield cut the field strength inside the head

by 34 per cent for the MR30.

and 17 per cent for the Nokia.

while the Oyster cut the field

by 48 per cent with the Nokia,

and 16 per cent with the

MR30. With the antennae up.

both devices were less effective.

The best way to limit the

brain's exposure, the maga-

zine concludes, is to use a "hands-free" set which enables

the telephone to be worn on a

belt. This cuts exposure to the

brain by 94 per cent with no

loss of reception, but other

parts of the body are exposed

to microwaves.

and made reception worse.

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tist have shown.

By CAROL MIDGLEY

CORONATION STREET is finally to be shown in America 38 years after the first episode was broadcast.

Television executives are confident that the regulars of the Rover's Return, who say "by 'eck", eat hotpot and drink pints of Newton and Ridley bitter, will conquer an American audience raised on more glamorous epics such as Dallas and Dynasty.

A deal was announced yes-terday between Granada Media International, part of Granada Television which makes and produces Coronation Street, and Trio, the drama, documentaries and film. channel in the United States which is broadcast nationally on satellite and cable.

American viewers will join the show during its 1994 episodes when Tania, a barmaid at the Rover's, embarks on a torrid affair with the local romeo. Des Barnes (now deceased in the soap), behind his girlfriend's back. Executives decided they could not risk going further back than this because fashions and hairstyles would have been too outdated for 1999.

A spokeswoman for Granada Media International said: "We had to find a suitable point to start where the storyline was dramatic enough to hook a new audience but where people's dothes wouldn't look too odd."

The soap, which has been running in Britain for 38 years, has been sold to more than 35 countries



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Mother makes history to save her son from death

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A BC whose life was saved by the donation of part of his motif's liver - a transplant that pde British medical history (was doing well in hospital ysterday. Luke Bettelley. 18 maths old, was "laughing and hilling and throwing his toys ound", his father, Dav-

Agonth earlier, Luke had beefgiven less than two days to la His mother, Jill, from Woğing in West Sussex, immedtely volunteered to give parbf her own liver even thoch it put her at risk. "I coulhave died on the operatble, but that didn't even cost into it," she said. "My

only concern was for Luke and what I could do for him." Unlike other organs, the liver can regenerate, so it is possible to remove part of the donor's liver and give it to the patient. But in past such operations in Britain, the patient has always suffered from chronic, rather than acute, liver failure. In Luke's case, he was already showing the first signs of headaches and delirium from acute liver failure when he was taken to King's

College Hospital. Mrs Bettelley, 32, pleaded to be allowed to be the donor. On March 5 surgeons spent of her liver, and another six hours transplanting it into

'This is a big operation and not without risk for the parent who becomes a donor," Nigel Heaton, the transplant surgeon, said. "It also puts the other parent under the most enormous stress."

Mohammed Reia, the consultant surgeon who carried out the operation, said: In the absence of a suitable donor, Luke would certainly have died. Jill and David have both been marvellous throughout and were very brave and positive, which belped us do our

four hours removing a third ransplant boom raises prospect of divorce haggling

GGAN donation between guses will soon become part officerce settlements, accordif to the surgeon who per-fencil Britain's first liver, pan-cas and intestine transplants. SirRoy Calne predicted that isbands and wives who diorce will put a price on the est of the organ they donated a ar act of loving sacrifice. Turty per cent of marriage

e end in divorce and if a souse has given a kidney, you hveto expect that divorce setements will start to question bwhuch a kidney is worth." E said "A wife who has donatd anbrgan may say, what i ave o my husband repreents certain per cent of his

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Came asked how much a kidney is worth

fore". As an example, Sir Roy suggested the moral confusion that might arise if the practice extended to estranged couples.
"If a wife is willing to donate an organ to her husband as part of a divorce settlement, is that acceptable as an emotionally concerned patient, or unacceptable as a compensated pa-

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ain had tripled recently as a result of the shortage of organs made available from people who die. The United Kingdom Transplant Support Service Authority recorded 89 live do-nor kidney transplants in 1991; by 1998 that figure had risen to un estimated 246.

Transplant surgery has become much more common since the introduction of more successful immune-suppression drugs in 1982. In 1975 there were ten liver transplants in Europe; 20 years lat-er there were 3,266. Sir Roy said, however, that transplant surgery had been a victim of its own success: there were now 6,000 people in Britain on

the waiting list for organs. He was uncomfortable with the trend for live transplants because of the moral issues that might not be immediately

obvious. The best kind of transplant donor was the patient's brother or sister but "enormous pressure" might be put upon them behind the scenes, he told the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry in London. "It is not reasonable to regard it as a right to have a transplant: it isn't, it is a privilege. It may not be fair, when we know that brothers and sisters don't always love each other."

Sir Roy. Professor of Surry Emeritus at Cambridge University, said that litigation was already beginning in America. The case of one engaged couple was still await-

ing settlement. Richard McNutt had told his fiancée that he had to delay their wedding plans until he re-ceived a kidney transplant. His intended, Dorothy Zauhar, persuaded her brother to

donate one of his kidneys. After the operation was suc-cessfully carried out in 1997, Mr McNutt married a nurse in the dialysis unit and Ms Zauhar sued her former fiance, accusing him of "theft by swindle of body organ".

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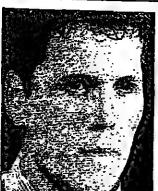
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The murder suspects - from left, Jamie Acourt, Luke Knight, David Norris, Gary Dobson and Neil Acourt - were interviewed separately

Lawrence plea fails to keep suspects off TV

By Carol Midgley MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE first interviews with the five men suspected of killing Stephen Lawrence will be broadcast tonight despite pro-test from the black teenager's

The men will break their silence on Tonight, a new ITV current affairs programme, in a series of "rigorous interrogations" by the journalist Martin Bashir, Last night Granada TV executives were in discussions with the Lawrence family's lawyer. Imran Khan, over allowing the boy's parents. Doreen and Neville, to see the interviews prior to broadcast.

Jeff Anderson, the Editor of Tonight, insisted that the programme did not provide the men - Jamie and Neil Acourt, Gary Dobson. Luke Knight and David Norris - with a platform to protest their innocence. He said: "The programme includes significant

POLICE TO PAY £1m PROTECTION BILL

The Home Secretary faced new protests over the Stephen Lawrence report yesterday after it emerged that the Metropolitan Police is footing an extra El million bill arising from its bungled publication (Philip Webster writes). An appendix to the report inadvertently included the names and addresses of witnesses to the teenager's murder. It was hastily withdrawn and a witness protection and relocation scheme put in place. The responsibility for the oversight was admitted by the inquiry team, although the Home Office faced strong criticism for not spotting the blunder. Sir Norman Fowler, the Shadow Home Secretary, told Jack Straw last night that a great deal of the responsibility rested with him and his ministers,

new material that may open new avenues of inquiry for the police. However, we are confident that it will not prejudice any possible future prosecution. The programme is a rig-orous and detailed interrogation of the five men and in no way provides them with a platform. No areas of questioning were off limits and no payment was asked for or made."

Mr and Mrs Lawrence have declared themselves "disgusted" by ITV's decision to give the men a voice. They considered organising a campaign to boycott the programme but are understood to have decided that such a strategy could backfire by drawing more at-

tention to it. Much is expected of the hour-long Tonight show, host-

ed by Trevor McDonald, which is modelled on American television's 60 Minutes. It was central to the network's argument that it would maintain its commitment to serious news and current affairs programming despite scrapping News at Ten.

Mr Bashir, who conducted the Panorama interview with Diana, Princess of Wales, and was accused of being overly sympathetic to the British au air Louise Woodward when he interviewed her, is said to be "tough to the point of hostile" with the men. He insisted on interviewing them separately at a neutral location and the men were not allow to confer with each other about questions they had been asked.

The Metropolitan Police has started legal proceedings un-der the Police and Criminal Evidence Act to gain access to all the tapes, which amount to several hours, whether or not they are used in the final

faced a full trial for the race murder. A private prosecution begun by the Lawrence family in 1995, after the Crown Prosecution Service had decided not to proceed, ended with three being acquitted at the Old Bailey after evidence was ruled inadmissible. Charges against the two others had been

Ros Howells, a friend of Mr and Mrs Lawrence, said: These five men have had ample opportunity to say what they want to say at the inquest and at the judicial inquiry. At both they were told they were free to speak and they avoided answering the questions."

day programme, in which they protested their sons' innocence and vowed to campaign to clear their names.

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dropped.

Last month, the men's mothers gave an interview to John Humphrys, of Radio 4's To-

Stabbing accused 'played up to camera'

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

A MAN celebrating a friend's stag night was stabbed almost to death by a member of a group that was being videotaped by a film crew, Manchester Crown Court was told yesterday.

The court was told that Paul Massey. 39, the alleged assailant, and three friends were under the influence of drink and excited by the attentions of the film makers when they attacked the party's minibus outside a nightclub. Peter Wright, for the

prosecution, sald that Massey, of Salford, Manchester, smashed one of the vehicle's windows, chased it through the Manchester city centre. then stabbed 29-year-old Wayne Wisdom so badly that he needed eight litres of blood and plasma to

save his life. Massey, Gregory Hayes. 30 of Withington, Manchester, Mark Boomer, 34. of Blackley, Manchester, and Paul Flannery, 39. deny conspiracy to commit violent disorder in Manchester last July. Massey pleaded not guilty to

wounding Mr Wisdom with intent to do grievous bodily harm and Boomer denies assaulting a police officer with the intention of preventing Massey's arrest. The jury was told that an independent film crew had been following the four accused as they

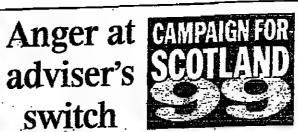
and a BMW. They used two cameras to film the group as they travelled around nightelubs behaving in a high-spirited and increasingly disorderly fashion. Mr Wright said

drove round Manchester in an Audi

that they were "playing up to the camera" and " a disaster waiting to

Mr Wisdom was one of a party of more than 30 people from Leeds who had travelled to Manchester for the night. After the car chase, the court was told, Mr Wisdom was seen to headbutt Massey, and Massey was then seen to lunge towards Mr Wisdom with a knife in his hand. Mr Wright said that the jury would see film footage taken by the crew during the evening. The trial continues.

switch



The Scottish National Party accused Labour of "blurring the lines between government and party" yesterday following the appointment of a former Treasury civil servant to the Holyrood election campaign. Mike Russell, the SNP's chief executive, has demanded to know why Ed Milliband, who resigned his post as an adviser to the Chancellor. Gordon Brown, last week, is now working on Labour's Scottish campaign. Mr Russell added: "If Ed Milliband did resign last week, has he been guaranteed his old job back? It appears to be a matter of convenience." A Labour spokesman said that Mr. Milliband resigned so that he could work in Sectiand during the campaign and would not be paid from public funds or have any involvement in Treasury business while undertaking party work. "This is entirely consistent with Cabinet Office procedures." the spokesman added.

A question of address

Lord Steel of Aikwood took time out from his party's manifesto lannch to praise the ingenuity of postal staff in the Scottish Borders who had delivered a mysteriously addressed letter to his home in Selkirk. The former Liberal leader awoke yesterday to find the missive from a woman in Warwickshire on his doormat addressed to "Mr David Steel, The Labour Party, Scotland". Someone in the postal serting office had recognised the recipient and had scribbled Lord Steel's postcode on the envelope.

Greens slip on banana business away and cost ichs.

The Scottish Green Party issued its first press release of the fall. Less money would be available to the banana war and calling for consumers to boycott said. The result would be to bananas grown by the large commercial producers until the U.S. agrees to withdraw high tariffs on imports such as Scottish cashmere. Less than an hour later, the trade war ended in an agreement. "We weren't aware that it was about to end," a party spokesman said. "However, it is good news."

'May sanity prevail'

Candidates for the Scottish parliament were urged not to follow Tony Biair's example and call each other "Irmatics", "nutters" or "crazy". Karen Prentice, of the Scottish Mental Health Association, said: "It is unacceptable for Tony Blair to talk of headbangers in the Shadow Cabinet, men in white coats, and lunatics taking over the asylum. Our language is still riddled with derogatory terms. Perhaps devolution will pave the way for a more polite and enlightened parliament."

Quote of the day

Jim Wallace, the leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats, launching his party's election manifesto:

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Scottish Liberal Democrats commitment to Scotland's education system will restore us to world class levels ?

AGENDA

Today: The Prime Minister, on a two-day visit to Scotland, is travelling to Losslemouth on board Labour's battlebus. Paddy Ashdown is attending a press conference in Edinburgh before going to St Andrew's with the leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats, Jim Wallace. The SNP launches its manifesto in Edinburgh and the Conservatives opentheir election campaign in

Edinburgh.

Brown brand SNP a high tar part

BY JASON ALLARDICE AND GILLIAN HARRIS

GORDON BROWN steps up Labour's Scottish election campaign yesterday by claning that "dangerous" and "u": caring nationalists won't make poor Scots poorer.

The Chancellor said that f choice facing voters in the Sco tish parliamentary election was between Labour's focus of enterprise and fairness and the Scottish National Party's high tax and incompetence.

Mr Brown, speaking in Glass gow, delivered one of his hardest-hitting attacks on the SNP so far. He said that its commitment to forego his jenny Tax revenues would then

leave many people who work hard day in and day ou still struggling to make ends meet while they pay more in taxes.

Mr. Brown also attacked the SNPs refusal to support international action in Kosovoahd said that the party "would sen take Scotland out of Nato" Earlier, Donald Dewar the Scottish Secretary, unveile de tails of Labour's pledge and which includes:

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and a 24 hour NHS direct riephone helpline. The Liberal Democrats name festo published yesterday pranised 2,000 more teachers and an end to university minion fee for Scottisti students. Jim Wallice, the party's Scottish leader and that the penny tax cut would be foregone only if savings cald not be made from the existing

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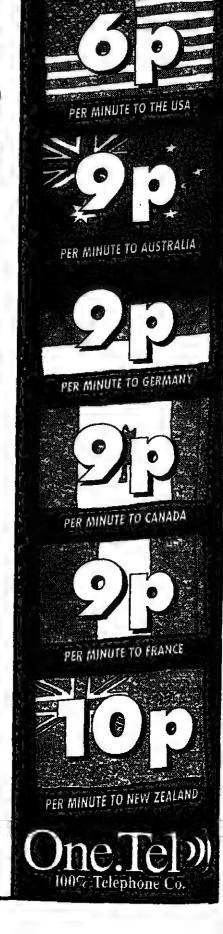


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their mark in Asian business

WOMEN are gradually breaking into the male-dominated world of Asian business, with léappearing in the latest annual survey of Britain's richest Asians, produced by Eastern Eye newspaper.

The women, traditionally the power behind entrepreneurial husbands, are emerging to run ventures in their own right. Perween Warsi, the founder

of SA Foods, the chilled and frozen food company, is the The of he is highest-placed woman in the list. Mrs Warsi, 42, who has an estimated net wealth of £35 million, is joint 29th. Her husband, Talib, a doctor, gave up his practice to work for her business, which employs 600 people. Mrs Warsi takes a matter-of-fact view of her success. "I wasn't satisfied with the Indian food on the market. It occurred to me that I could do better," she said.

Most successful Asian-British businesswomen work in the food sector and remain business partners with their busbands. Meena Pathak is valued at £30 million together with her husband, Kirit, with whom she built up Patak Spices. A former model in India, she is credited with adding the creativity to her husband's fi-

Tej and Bobby Dhillon. brother and sister, have built Wives emerging from husbands'

Women make

shadow now feature in top 200, reports

Adam Sherwin ир a £30 million hotel chain and are expecting to acquire more properties this year.

The marketplace can still be an uncomfortable place for Asian businesswomen. Zeenat Harnel became a director of the food producers Noon Products, a company she helped to found with her father. But Mrs Harnel discovered that her father, who does not have a son, had sold the business without informing her. "It was a shock," she admitted.

Namita Panjabi, co-owner of the Chutney Mary restaurant group, who entered the top 200 for the first time with earnings of £5 million, said that British-Asian businesswomen are 50 years behind their counterparts in India.

There are a lot of businesswomen in India who are doing very well, but it has not yet happened in this country. The immigrant families here are very conservative and they are holding on to their traditions. It still seems like the 1950s."

The Hinduja brothers, global traders, are named as the richest British-Asians, with wealth totalling £1.3 billion. Food retailing and fashion are the highest earning sectors in

There are 43 individuals involved in food, with a combined worth of £853.5 million, and 39 individuals and companies in fashion, with a com-bined worth of £775 million. The latter sector includes such high street names as Joe Bloggs and New Look.
The highest new entry is

Iqbal Ahmed, of Seafood Marketing International in Manchester, at number 21, with a net worth of £60 million. The biggest climber is James Caan, who founded the executive recruitment consultancy, Alexander Mann, in 1985: he rose from 153 last year to 20.

About 50 Asian businessmen are expected to make it into the next Sunday Times Rich List, which will be published on Sunday, The Hinduja brothers and

the steel magnate Lakshmi Mittal, who came second in the Asian list with wealth of £1.2 billion, are both likely to feature in the top ten.



Success in a man's world: Namita Panjabi, co-owner of Chutney Mary, with Avtar Lit of Sunrise Radio. Both feature in the richest Asian 200



Food and fashion moguls earn a place on rich list

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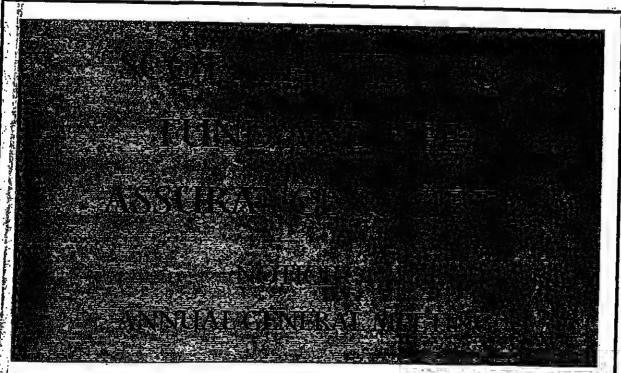
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Little wonder is a big shock for auctioneers

tie's labelled as the work of a minor 19th-century artist, worth no more than £800, has been identified as a previously unknown landscape by Tho-mas Gainsborough worth at least E80,000,

The 18th-century work was spotted by Angus Neill, direc-tor of Felder Fine Art in Lon-don, who said: "I knew it was the best picture I'd ever seen in my life. I'm astounded that a picture of this quality should have been overlooked."

He acted on his instincts and bought the painting at auction, when rivalry from four other bidders took the price to E30,000. His find, which measures about 22.8cm by 19cm. has now been acclaimed by Gainsborough experts al-though there is disagreement on how high its value may go. Mr Neill claims that it could ultimately fetch £500,000.

He believes that it is among works mentioned in the will of Gainsborough's wife and left to her daughter, Margaret. Two of them, the same size as this example, are in the Tate Gallery. "It's a very beautiful,

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oil on paper laid down off canvas 9 x 7½in. (22.8 x 19cm); ∠660-8(n)

Christie's listing: wrong price, wrong artist, wrong century

'Minor' painting valued at £800

was unknown

Gainsborough gem, reports

Dalya Alberge

simple composition of a wooded landscape with country house and two figures," Mr Neill said. "It was a highly personal and intimate picture painted for the family. They must be the tiniest figures he ever painted, just a few milli-metres tall." Rica Jones, conservator of paintings at the Tate, described it as "a ravish-

ingly beautiful painting".

Mr Neill's research showed that the painting had surfaced in 1856 in the collection of Wynn Ellis, who left several works to the National Gallery: "He didn't know it was Gainsborough and consigned it to Christie's in 1856. It was then miscatalogued as a James

> rooms that "it is easy to overlook these things". A spokes-

he said, it was with auctioneers in Newbury and classed as 19th-century. Continental School. "It was bought by a dealer for £200 who then consigned it to Christie's South Kensington," Mr Neill said. He bought it last July. "Their catalogue said it was by Thomas Churchyard, estimated at £600 to £800." Hugh Belsey, curator of Gainsborough's House in Sud-bury, Suffolk, described it as

"a very attractive little picture" which he would like to add to the museum, where the two Tate pictures are on loan. John Hayes, former Direc-tor of the National Portrait Gallery and a Gainsborough

scholar, described the painting as "a beautiful little work a perfectly genuine early work. He thought its value was closer to £80,000. Mr Neill pointed out that a small 18th-century painting by Alexander Cozens, "with a similar gem-like quality", came up for sale at Sotheby's last year. It was estimated at £50,000 to £70,000 and fetched more than £400,000. "That's

what they go for; people are not after names but quality. This painting has never been published. It is completely Coming to Christie's defence, Dr Hayes said that so many paintings came "hurt-ling" through the firm's sale-

woman for Christie's South Kensington said: "We cannot

comment this far after the sale."



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Husband who exposed drugs ring is found dead

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

A LORRY driver who was praised for his role in smashing a drugs smuggling ring has apparently killed himself after fearing that his wife had left him to take up drugs

ober Renoker, 50 became an informant because his 34-year-

old wife, a mother of five, was a herers dead on his bed last week. There oin addict and he had seen at first hand the effects of hard drugs on family life. With a £10,000 price on his head, he was helped to assume a new life in a safe house but he soon returned home to Hurstead, near

were no suspicious circumstances. A letter sent to The Rochdale Observer before his body was found made clear that he wanted to kill himself because his wife had left him. He claimed that she had returned to a life of drugs".

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was offered £20,000 to ferry beroin, cocaine and amphetamines worth £2 million from Belgium for sale in Manchester's nightdubs. He telephoned an information bottine saving: "I don't care about the money. I just hate drugs and I want to stand up to those who profit from them." 0100033

an industrial estate near Rochdale, where they moved in. After the arrests Mr Brooker went into hiding with his wife, under a new identity, and lived in fear of revenge. His evidence to Minsholl Street Crown Court, Manchester, in December beloed to send the five man gang to that Mr Brooker was found by offic- tipped off the authorities when he tracked the drugs across Europe to will be held into Mr Brooker's death.

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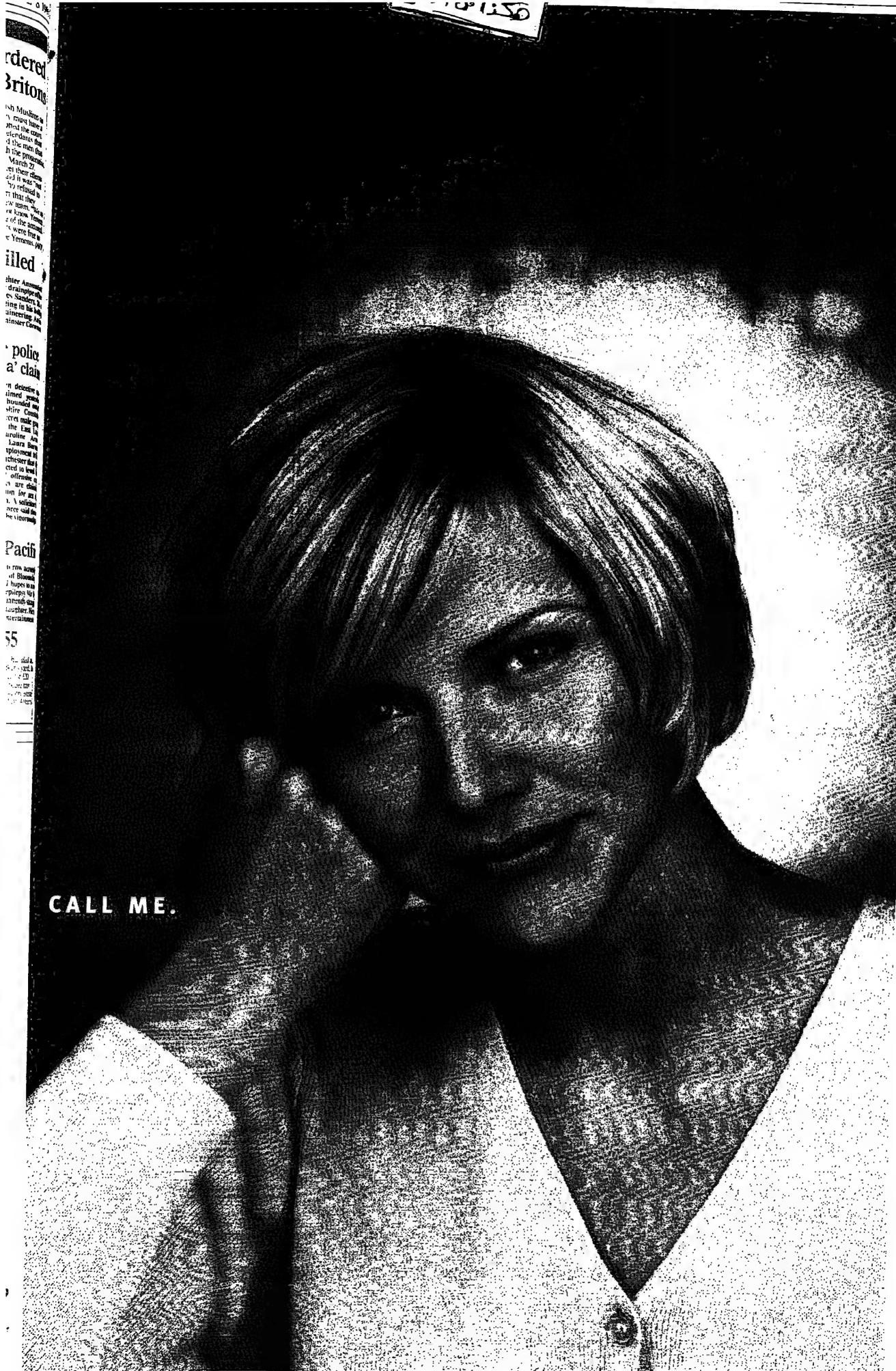
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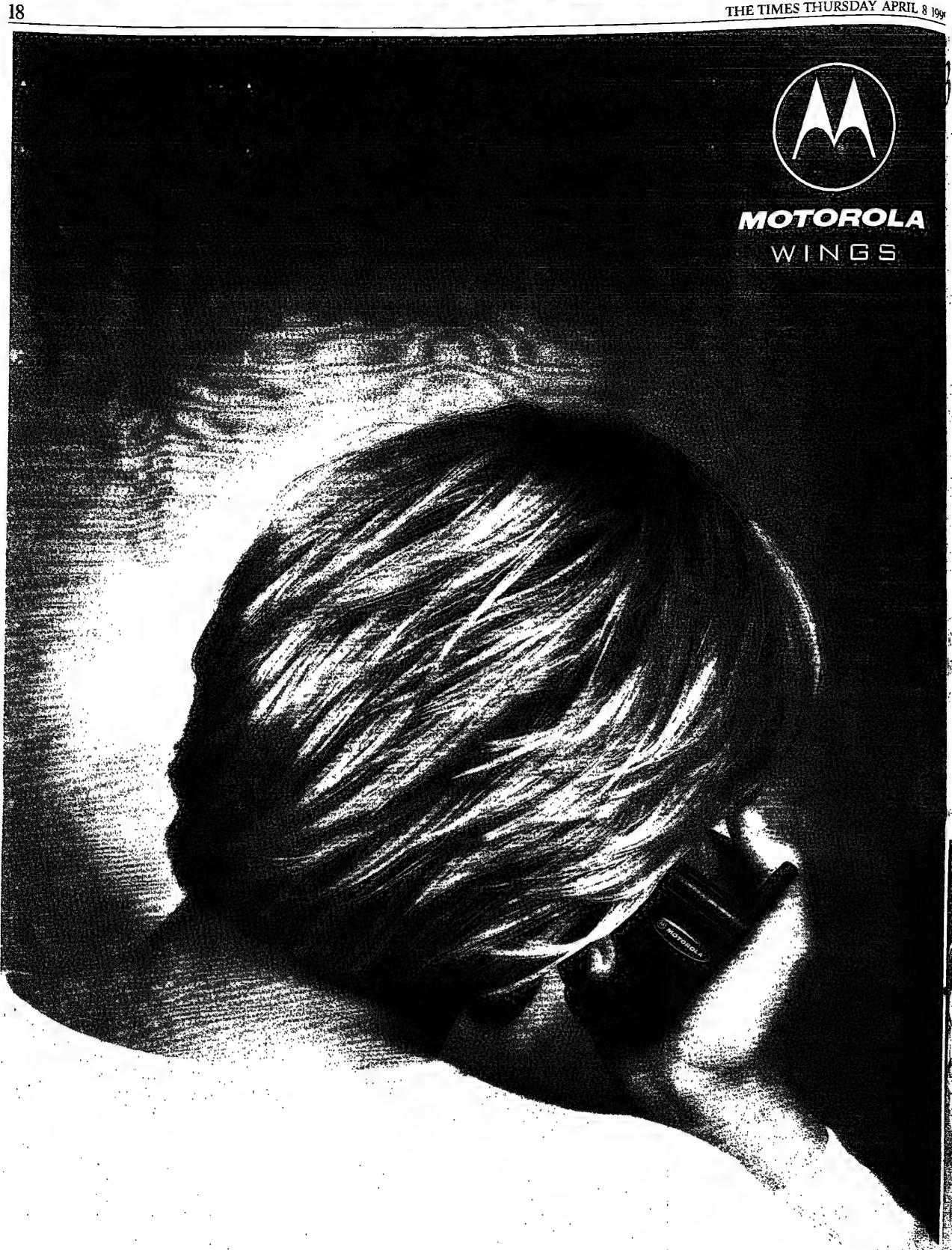
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Beijing smiles amid spy row

FROM BEN MACINTYRE
IN WASHINGTON

A CHARM offensive in the US by Zhu Rongii, the Chinese Prime Mininster, hit its first serious obstacle yesterday, despite a vaunted breakthrough on trade, when the Energy Department abruptly announced it was stopping scientific work on computers at three nuclear weapons laboratories after allegations that China has stolen secret nuclear technology.

The espionage row is only one of several tense issues hanging over the nine-day visit by Mr Zhu, the first by a Chinese Prime Minister in 15 years. Since President Clinton's breakthrough trip to China last summer, relations have steadily deteriorated, with disputes over human rights, China's vast trade deficit and most recently the bombardment of Yugoslavia.

Following Mr Zhu's arrival in Washington yesterday, Mr Clinton delivered a conciliatory address in which he said that bringing China into the World Trade Organisation (WTO) was firmly in the interests of the US.

Mr Zhu also tried to start his tour in Los Angeles on a jocular and positive note, announcing the lifting of a ban on some US agricultural products as a "breakthough" in negotiations for Beijing to join the WTO and joking about the

spying charges.

The 70-year-old Chinese Prime Minister, who will visit six American cities, told a California audience of China's plans to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the People's Republic next October with a display of the latest military technology, and drew astonished



A Chinese interpreter joins the laughter at a joke by Zhu Rongji, the Chinese Prime Minister, during a welcoming reception in Los Angeles

gasps by adding: "These weapons were developed by China itself, not stolen from the US." Mr Zhu's wit appeared somewhat misplaced, however, when The New York Times reported the suspension of scientific work on computers at nuclear weapons laboratories in Los Alamos. Sandia and

Lawrence-Livermore. Thousands of scientists reliant on the computers containing the most secret files would cease normal work and instead attend training courses on computer security, officials said. Last March Wen Ho Lee, a Taiwanese-born scientist at Los Alamos, was fired for al-

legedly breaching security at the laboratory after a threeyear investigation by the FBI. At a banquet, Mr Zhu dismissed the growing crop of disputes as "nothing more than a small episode in the long history of friendly relations between China and the US". To

begin his tour in the right vein,

Mr Zhu announced a lifting of the ban on wheat imports from seven US states and citrus fruits from four states. "This agreement is the most important part of China's bid

rus fruits from four states.

"This agreement is the most important part of China's bid to enter the WTO," Mr Zhu said, adding that he was confident that other areas of disagreement would be ironed out

to allow China into the body regulating international trade. China has been seeking admission to the WTO for 13 years, and Mr Clinton struck a similar note of optimism about the chances of reaching an agreement, although the White House said "substantial" gaps remained.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Three Rwandan ex-ministers held

Arisha: Three former Rwandan government ministers implicated in the 1994 genocide of 800,000 people have been arrested exactly five years after the slaughter began, officials at the United Nations tribunal sitting in Tanzania said. The three were arrested in Cameroon. They include Jerome Bicamumpaka, the former Foreign Minister who justified the murders at the UN, and Justin Mugenzi, the former Commerce Minister, who allegelly urged Hutus in a series of radio broadcasts to "kill all the Tutsis". The third suspect is Prosper Mugiraneza, who ran Rwanda's civil service in the interim government set up in the first days of the genocide. (Reuters)

Delayed homecoming

Scoul: A South Korean soldier listed as killed in action during the Korean War has returned home after fleeing the North, the South's National Intelligence Agency said. Sohn Jae Sool. 67, who said he was captured by Chinese troops in 1950, escaped from the North last October and arrived here with his wife, daughter and two North Korean defectors through an unidentified third country. (AFP)

Borneo mob fired on

Jakarta: Thousands of Malay and Dayak villagers, demanding the release of those jailed after earlier violence against Madurese migrants, rioted when outnumbered Indonesian forces fired on them. More than a dozen people were killed in Singkawang in Indonesian Borneo. Witnesses said troops fired warning shots but the mob surged forward. In Maluku, eastern Indonesia, religious rioting flared between Christians and Muslims. (AP)

Bullets overcome sword

New York: Commuters dived for cover as police shot and wounded a man waving a samurai sword at a crowded railway station (James Bone writes). Charles Stevens, 55, who had stopped taking his medication for schizophrenia, ended a stand-off with police on the Long Island Railroad by lunging at them with a 3ft sword. Police responded by opening fire, hitting Stevens eight times. Five passengers received minor injuries in the incident.

Blast at Franco's tomb

Madrid: An explosion has damaged Franco's tomb in Spain's Valley of the Fallen, a huge mausoleum carved out of a hillside near here, a fire brigade official said. No one was hurt in the blast, which damaged the area around the altar. The Marxist guerrilla group, October First Anni-Fascist Resistance Group (Grapo), claimed responsibility for the attack. (Reuters)

Hun Sen backs down

Phnom Penh: Hun Sen, the Cambodian Prime Minister, said the country would allow foreign judges and prosecutors to take part in the trial of the Khmer Rouge leader, Ta Mok, to ensure the process meets international standards. The new policy reverses his earlier stand that a trial must be under Cambodian law even though the judicial system is not up to the task. (Reuters)

Police aim to please

New York: The Big Apple's gun-toting police will in future be yelling. "Freeze, please" (James Bone writes). Amid growing protests about police brutality, the New York Police Department has launched a politeness drive and ordered officers to carry a card reminding them to call members of the public "Mr" or "Ma'am".

Scholars pinpoint lost Galilee village

Jerusalem: As up to four million pilgrims prepare for a millennium visit to the Holy Land, a site has been identified close to the Sea of Galilee that will enable them to transport themselves back to the time of Jesus (Christopher Walker writes).

The Jerusalem Post reported that a mound I'm miles north of the sea has been accepted "by a growing scholarly consensus" as the site of the lost village of Bethsaida.

Abraham Rabinovich, an archaelogy expert, wrote: "The village was home to at least three of the 12 apostles."

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Bethsaida is associated in the Gospels with Christ's healing of a blind man and the miracle of the "feeding of the multitudes". Many regard it as a more authentic site for pilgrims than the gimmicky proposal to allow them to "walk on the water" on a pier just below the surface of the Sea of Galilee at Capernaum.

Fugitive Russian tycoon 'to return'

FROM ANNA BLUNDY IN MOSCOW

BORIS BEREZOVSKY, the fugitive Russian billionaire and former Kremlin power-broker, said yesterday that he would return to Moscow next week to see prosecutors and did not fear being detained despite an arrest warrant against him.

Mr Berezovsky, who is wanted on corruption charges, told a news conference at a Paris hotel that he blamed a warrant issued for his arrest on Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Prime Minister.

He said he had no quarrel with President Yelsin, but feared that Mr Primakov was attempting improperly to use his post

to influence Mr Yeltsin, the media and the Russian secret services.

Yuri Skuratov, the Prosecutor-General who was suspended by Mr Yeltsin last week, confirmed that warrants had been issued for Mr Berezovsky's arrest. The billionaire was dismissed as execu-

tive secretary of the Commonwealth of Independent States last week. He said the authorities stopped his private plane from entering Russian air space, preventing him from attending the meeting.

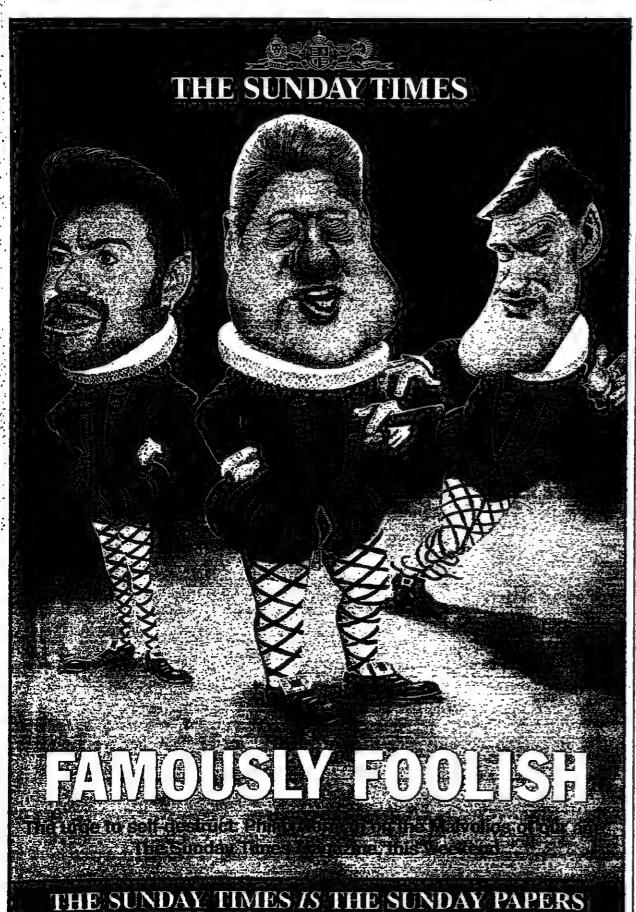
It is widely assumed that the warrant for Mr Berezovsky's arrest, and that of Aleksandr Smolensky, creator of the bank. SBS-Agro, also announced this week, is-

Government and Mr Skuratov. Mr Smolensky is in Austria.

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One of the main charges against Mr
Berezovsky concerns his dealings with
Aeroflot. Millions of pounds of the airline's profits are said to have been hidden
in a Swiss bank account under the name
of a company called Andava.

Valeri Okulov, the Director of Aeroflot and Mr Yeltsin's son-in-law, has so far cooperated with investigations into the case but it will be difficult for him to claim that he was ignorant of the disappearance of such vast sums. If Mr Okulov is implicated, the scandal will directly involve the Yeltsin family and is likely in destabilise Russia's political sinuation further.









Dr Thomas Stuttaford reports on new treatment for scarring; why the solar eclipse in August is worrying ophthalmologists; Bruce Chatwin and the truth about his

fungal disease; the benefits of eating tomatoes; and research that links long-term oesophagitis and cancer

Healing the scars of war

he recent *Times* headline
"Air raids scar city of culture on the Danube" applies not only to the damaged bridges of Novi Sad but also to the human casualties. It is easier to restore the burnt bridges and houses that have been burnt than it is to recreate the various layers - the epidermis and dermis that form human skin.

Regrettably, many of those burnt or wounded will be scarred for life but war casualties of the future may fare better thanks to research being conducted in Britain. An ap-

plication for a patent for burns treatment being processed in London The most may ultimately benefit through restoration common of their appearance those who suffer burns during wartime.

cause of A resourch team directed by Dr Claire serious Linge, working for the charity RAFT (Restoration of Appearance and Function Trust) at scarring is Mount Vernon Hospital surgery in Middlesex, has applied for a patent for a secret remedy for hyper-

trophic (overgrown) scarring - the type of scarring that affects 30 per cent of adult burns victims and between 40 and 60 per cent of children who suffer similar injuries. Scarring, though, is not confined to accidents, surgery and even skin diseases, including acne. Nearly three million people in the UK have a facial scar, and a similar number have one more than six inches long. More than two million have scars that upset them.

Once the British team has obtained the patent rights, it hopes to start on further experimental work. Within two or three years this should lead to clinical trials and, later, the introduction of modi-

tims who would otherwise have had red, raised, itchy, painful and disfiguring scars less unsightly flat

The most common cause of serious scarring is surgery; it gives rise to 37 per cent of all significant scars, with the most prevalent site being the abdomen. Most people can remember inspecting the scars of schoolmates who had returned from hospital, but the surgeon is interested, too, and is apt to exhibit his handiwork to those prepared to pause by the bedside.

The best surgeons leave the neatest scars but they may be defeated by a patient's skin type. If a patient has a tendency to have a hypertrophic scar - red and raised rather than flat and white - not much can be done about it. The injection of a cor-ticosteroid, triamcinolone acetonide, may flat-ten some, while various forms of Silastic gel sheeting may make

them less prominent. A small percentage of patients have been helped by more exotic treatments. Recently a doctor in India tried injecting papaya juice into these scars. It was a small, uncontrolled trial but the juice seemed to be effective in reducing the scar

The long-term effect is unknown. There seems to be no definable genetic reason why some people develop hypertrophic scars and others do not, and in some patients only part of the scar may be hypertrophic; in a long scar there may be a comparatively scarless break in its continuity.

There is, however, another form Telephone: 01923 835815. Scar Inof unattractive scarring, keloid scarformation Service, PO Box 2003. ring, which is genetic and affects Hull, HU3 4DJ. Telephone: 0845 certain races. In some races, more



Proper eye protection is essential for anyone watching the total eclipse in August. The naked eye can suffer serious damage from looking directly at the Sun

Protect your eyes to view eclipse

THIS year August 11 has a greater significance than simply being my grandson's birthday, It is the day when a full solar ectipse may be viewed in Cornwall, the first time in the UK for more than 70 years, and the last time for anoth-

er 91 years. The total eclipse will last only two minutes but the period just before and after total eclipse is already causing alarm among ophthalmologists. The Institute of Ophthalmology linked to Moor-fields Eye Hospital, the Royal

hypertrophic scar gone mad.

secure funding for this research.

Institute of Ophthalmology, is fly-ing over an American schoolboy A BBC weather forecaster, also worried about eye injury, wanted as a terrible example of how sight can be lost by not taking precau-

Guy Fawkes night. The organisation Fight for Sight, which was launched at the

National Institute for the Blind,

the Royal College of Ophthalmology, the Royal Greenwich Observ-

ory, the Department of Health

and a host of other organisations

are doing their best to reduce the

incidence of eye damage, which seems as inevitable as burns on

tions. He used a viewing device, previously recommended, to see a partial eclipse of the Sun last year in North Carolina. It gave inadequate protection and he now has a sight-destroying black scar on the retina of his left eye.

to demonstrate, when we last had a partial eclipse in the UK, the damage which could be done to a sheep's eye. It was considered too gruesome to broadcast.

Over-exposure to the Sun's rays causes two types of damage: pho-tochemical, also known as phototoxicity, and photothermal retinal violet light: it can be temporary. Photothermal retinal injury is the result of infra-red damage in which photo-coagulation destroys the rods and cones of the retina. leaving permanent scarring. At the moment there is no accept-

injury. Phototoxicity is the result

of exposure to excessive ultra-

ed treatment. If the viewer looks straight at the Sun, damage is done to the fovea, the part of the eye that we use when recognising people, watching their lips as they talk, or when reading or driving.



Aids victim: writer Bruce Chatwin

THE recent biography and reveal-ing TV film of the writer Bruce Chatwin explored his approach to HIV and Aids, and his refusal for a long while to admit to suffering from anything worse than a myste rious Chinese fungal disease. In fact Charwin was not lying: he did suffer from a fungus, Penicil-

the time he caught it. It was associated with South-East Asia and was only occasionally seen in Europe. Chatwin wrote about his experiences in a British clinic and there was apparently amazement when the fungus was first isolated from his skin lesions. The microbiologists, used to identifying common fungi from between cracked toes, thrush, or occasional Aspergillus from a case of farmer's lung. were astounded by what they saw

Rare fungus that caught up with Chatwin

beneath their microscope. To the have been haymaking in South China recently?" the very English patient of a very English clinic replied: "I was there only last week."

Like any fungal infection. Penicil-lium marneffei in an immunocompromised patient can spread from the skin. On TV an injected patch was obvious on Chatwin's face, but this can give rise to a deep systemic infection, almost impossible to eradicate in the immuno-compromised — as in his case. As with

any opportunistic fungal infection, it may penetrate the blood and be carried to other sites. The patient is likely to suffer from pneumonia, urinary tract infections and diarrhoea from gut complications. The skin lesions are white and raised, they may be papillomatous or may resemble the blistery spots of Moldisease that may be spread sexually and flourishes on thin, sensitive skin, or the fine skin of children.

Penicillium marneffei has spread rapidly among HIV sufferers in South-East Asia and is com-monly seen in dermatological and genito-urinary clinics, for instance, as an opportunistic infection in those patients whose resistance. and white blood count, is lowered. It has travelled a long way from South China.

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It's true, tomatoes really do you good

imultaneous, contradic-tory views concerning tomatoes, one piece writ-ten in this column, and one elsewhere by a nutritionist, a surprising amount of correspondence from confused readers.

Rest assured, there is sound scientific evidence to support the nutritional value of tomatoes and their constituent lycopene, an antioxidant that is present in abundance. This should certainly prevent tomatoes being condemned along with caffeine and tobacco.

Lycopene is a powerful antioxidant. Oxidisation can be destructive, for instance when, in the form of rust, it destroys elegant, unprotected wroughtron gates that have stood for centuries. People are not al-ways aware that oxidative damage can occur in the fragile, vulnerable cells of the human body as a result of the action of the oxygen in free radi-cals. Free radicals are highly active atoms, or groups of at-oms, capable of damaging

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DNA in cells and even the fat of the cell membranes.

The role of antioxidants in foods, such as those found in vitamins C and E, and polyphenols, flavonoids like lycopene and some minerals including selenium and zinc. is to counteract free radicals. Antioxidants therefore contribute to a longer, better quality of life by inhibiting the production of atheroma, the fatty substance within arteries that clog the channels, and by reducing malignancies.

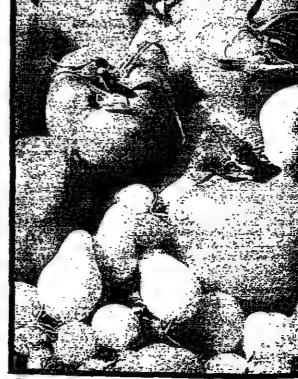
tomatoes, pink grapefruit, watermelon and guava. It is more readily available to the body once tomatoes have been cooked or processed. If it is true that Harold Wilson, the former Prime Minister, really did love ketchup, he certainly didn't deserve to develop cancer because, weight for weight, tomato ketchup is second only to pasta sauce as the richest source of lycopene. A glass of tomato juice contains more lycopene than a whole bowlful of

Lycopene gives the colour to

ages the absorption of some flavonoids and so it is possible that a Bloody Mary may be more nutritious than neat tomato juice.

Many antioxidants are found in fruit and vegetables and the general rule is that the brighter the colour, whether rich green, deep orange or dark red, the better they are likely to be in their cardioprotective and anti-cancer role. Research has shown that people with high levels of lycopene were only half as likely to have a coronary thrombosis as those with low levels.

Recent research in the United States shows that ten large servings a week of tomato sauce halves the incidence of cancer of the prostate. A new study financed by Heinz, which is understandably delighted by the effect of tomato sauce on the heart and prostate, is investigating the potential role of tomatoes in preventing cancers of the digestive tract and breast.



Regular helpings of tomatoes help to protect fragile cells

Indigestion and the link to cancer

control group matched for age

and other variables. If this wasn't alarming British journal Pulse have reenough for those who have to be wary of eating large meals late at night or of being too vigorous after a meal, the rereflux and heartburn once a scarch uncovered a more disweek was seven times more turbing result. Patients with "longstanding, severe symp-toms" of oesophagitis were 43 the oesophagus (gullet) than a

times more likely to suffer from cancer of the oesophagus. Before indigestion sufferers rush to demand examinations, they should realise that the study involved only a small group of patients.

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In the final extract from his book, Chris Moon describes learning to use his new arm and leg and how he overcame pain and exhaustion to complete the London Marathon

zes are laid out in a big Perspex cvlinder and you try to clutch them with a little grab crane? Using the hook is just like that. The false arm fits over the stump. It's a nice fleshy colour with a steel ratchet end fitting where the hook clips in. The hook is held on by straps and works like a lever, with a cuble linked to a band around my left shoulder. The jaws open when I stretch out my arm and thick rubber hands force them dosed when my body relaxes, taking tension off the cuble.

LAST NIGHT the nurse picked out the struches from the large scabby scar below my knee. Next week the physio thinks they'll be able to take a cast and make my new leg.

The occupational therapist asks: "Would you like to make something with the Meccano? h's a good way to practise us-ing the hook." I spend the next

hour constructing a lorry.

The next day is Sunday.

Most of the others have gone home for the weekend. After breakfast I turn on the TV to watch the London Marathon, see the magic moments of people of all ages doing their best. Some are in tears as they finish. As I watch them pound the streets I know that next year I

must do the marathon. At 3.30 I prepare to go out alone for the first time. I push myself over the ramp and through the gate, it's important to me to get round on my own. I roll down the drive and along the pavement; as I reach the kerb something happens that I hadn't anticinated — I'm terrified. It's a drop of only a few inches but I havent done anything like this before. Perhaps I should get somebody to help me. The street is empty. If I do fall out, I think I'll be able to get back in on my own but don't want anybody to see. I stick my leg down and let the wheelchair drop. I make it and get up the other side by turning the wheels backwards. When I get back to the hospital I go to bed early.

I'M HAVING the first leg fitting! I slip a sock over the stump and put it into the moulded white foam socket. Then I push it into the false leg and do up the leather strap above the knee. John, the prosthetist, makes a mark on the top of the false leg and asks: "How does it feel?"

Fine. Can I try it? I stand up. John checks the leg. My art tells me to try to run. My head tells me to take it easy.

I take slow, small steps and grip the bar with my left hand. I step forward carefully. When I put the false leg down the pressure feels uncomfortable. I gradually gain confidence and improve slightly. I soon graduate to using the two

sticks and get out of the bars. l walk a linte farther each day and practise my gait. I still have a limp. They say it will take months to get it right. If the consultant thinks the scar has healed sufficiently and the leg fits. I can go home soon. What about running?" I ask.

"In some cases it's possible. but it will take time. Without a lower leg, you require 30 per cent more energy to walk. When it comes to running, the stress and pressure through

the stump are enormous." At last my discharge day arrives: April 28. I've done it. I'm out in less than two months.

THE sound of splashing echoes around the vast concrete building. I walk cautiously along the tiles by the side of the pool. By the deep end are some benches. That would be the best place to take my leg off. I should be able to hop to the side from there. On my right is a woman with her daughter. As I go past she holds the girl's hand and says "Sshh . . ."

I reach the bench and sit down awkwardly, I put the towel down. Now they can all see I haven't got a hand either. I pull the leg off. I don't want to risk standing up. I my crawling but the tiles are too hard on the stumps. I edge back to the hench and push myself up with my left hand, driving my left leg up. I jump up the last bit and wobble like a flamingo in a force ten gale. I turn the wobble into for-

ward motion and shuffle across the tiles. It takes all my concentration. When I near the edge my foot slips slightly. I crawl the last metre. I never knew it was possible to feel more naked than naked. I get to the edge of the pool and sit with my left leg in the water. It will be over my head. But I want to go in at the deep end.
I look up and realise the

whole place is silent. Two ladies are swimming towards me, their eyes locked on to my stumps. The other swimmers paddle and watch. I try to throw myself into the water. Instead I slip in and sink: it's deeper than I thought. I kick and paddle to the sur-

face and take a deep breath. I try treading water. It feels strange but it's not difficult. Now I'll try breaststroke. Prob-

lem is, I tend to go round in cir-

cles. I adapt my stroke and

head down the pool towards the two dragons. As I pass

them I say: "Good morning, la-dies." They smile, "Well done!

ne day I get up just

after seven. I'm go-

ing to try a long

walk with a short

You're doing tremendously."

run. I'm going to do two miles. I walk through the village to

the track that leads to the

Downs. When I reach the

wood I focus on the gate. I

promised myself I'd run to it. I

move my legs up and down. When I put the false leg down

I get no response; I keep try-

ing, the srump feels sore and

gets sorer. It's not easy, takes

everything I've got. I stop at

the gate. That was harder than

I'M GOING to run again!

Twice a week to begin with, I'll

fast walk and then jog one

length of the football pitch al-

ternately for 15 minutes and

then try to jog all around the

outside to finish. It's sensible to

start gently: all my muscles

and prepare to burst into ac-

tion; a leopard poised to race

across the veld. The reality.

sadly, is closer to a three-leg-

ged dog trying to make it to the

nearest lamppost. Disappoint-

ment engulfs me. Every nerve

screams "it hurts"; instinct

tells me to lie on the grass and

cry my eyes out. How will I do

have another go. 1 m 25 sec-

onds faster than last time! As I

head for home the leg slips and

I rest for a few days, then

I walk to the edge of the field

have wasted.

a marathon?

an eight-mile hill run.

I fall. The lanyard cord has broken, the leg has shot into the road. A bus is speeding towards me, near the kerb. I wave. "Please God, don't let it

run over my leg."
It works. I pick it up, hop to a wall and examine the lanyard fitting. I can't fix it so ! put my stump back in the sock-et and hold it on with my good hand as I walk slowly home.

I'M NOT sorry I have to go to London to get the leg repaired. It gives me a chance to see Alison. She understands my attitude to life and never tells me I

can't do things. On Sundays we usually go for a walk. Today we're driv-ing to woodland to see the auturns leaves. As we walk be-tween the beech trees I think how good it is to be alive. We hold hands and I struggle to keep up but she knows I don't want her to slow down. As we turn a corner she smiles at the chocolate box view of a village. As I look into her eyes I think, I'd like to grow old with her.

We emerge near a tea shop. As we wait for our lea I rest my false arm on the table. It's held on partly by suction and as I move it makes a sound like a loud fart. The place goes quiet. The woman at the next table whispers to her husband "Disgusting"

"I'm sorry," I tell Alison. " It does that all the time." The man at the next table spits out his tea and giggles uncontrol-lably. I feel a need to pull the arm off slighty and press it on the chair hard: the noise is even louder. The bloke spits out another mouthful of tea and starts everyone laugh-

ing. Alison is laugh-ing too. She's definitely the girl for me. From late January I run with Alison every Sunday. She slows down so I can keep up. When I get back from a run I'm too exhausted to do anything but sleep. By late March the farthest I've run is seven miles. Will I manage 26.2?

AUSON leans over the barrier, kisses me Marathon Moon: Chris finished in 5hr. 39min and says "Good luck". "Thanks. I'd better get going." I move into the crowd before she sees my fear. Nobody else could notice but she might.

Around me is a wall of run-ners, nearly 40,000. Way ahead the starting gun booms and a cheer ripples back through the runners. We walk forward and gradually accelerate to a jog. Even by my

standards this is slow. As we leave Greenwich the road slopes downhill. I make use of the incline to increase my pace. People along the pavement shout encouragement. I'm covered in sweat and the only done five miles. All my energy goes into put-ting one foot in front of the other. I feel sick.

One foot in front of the other; ignore the discomfort. This is the fastest I've ever done nine miles. I'm flying.

A sign up ahead says ten miles. The pain has started. I try to ignore it. I can't feel the stump. I must check it. I lean against a lamppost and undo the strap holding on the leg. I take it out of the socket and massage the stump. After a few seconds the pain subsides.

Bridge must be close. Up until now I've enjoyed the run. Now I'm knackered. I'm not giving up. As I cross Tower Bridge I hear Alison:

I see the Thames. Tower

'Go on Chris. Go for it!" All I want to do is lie down and sleep. I move as if I'm running through treacle.

We're nearly there. I can push with everything I've got now. I'll soon be able to stop. I force my tired legs onwards. I take deep breaths. We turn into The Mall, where there is a sea of people. I try to encourage the other runners:



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moment the pain vanishes. I

make a dash for the finish.

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cheer. I see Alison. She kisses me and says: "Well done. That's one of this year's goals

I lean on her, glad to take some of the weight off my false

leg. "How about getting mar-

ried in August?"
She smiles and says "Yes".

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English spies will find little to

intrigue in the Scots elections

rather fancy Charlie Whe-lan as the Daniel Defoe of his day. Gordon Brown's sometime press adviser has come to Scotland to cover the elections as a journalist and commentator. Most people suspect he may still be acting as the Chancellor's eyes and ears — a gatherer of intelligence about the state of the nation as well as a discreet propagandist for his former

In much the same way did Defoe travel north in 1700, a year before the Act of Union, following a Whelan-style fall from grace. The author of Moll Flanders and Robinson Crusoe had begun his career as a sort of 18th-century spin-doctor, a familiar figure in the corridors of power who incurred the displeasure of the Government by publishing a scurrilous pamphlet that leaked hostile information about establishment figures.

Defoe paid a rather stiffer price for his indiscretions than Whelan did for dishing the dirt on Peter Mandelson and Geoffrey Robinson: he was sentenced to stand in the pillory, pay a fine, and be detained at Her Majesty's pleasure in Newgate Prison. He eventually negotiated his release by eleverly suggesting a new role for himself passing clandestine information on the forthcoming Union between England and Scotland to Robert Harley, later Earl of Oxford and the leading states

man of his time. I doubt if Mr Whelan will have as exciting a time as his days of arriving, Defoe was watching the mobs storm through the streets of Edinburgh, protesting against constitutional change. "A terri-ble multitude came

up the High Street . . . shouting and swearing and crying out all Scotland would stand together. No Union, No Union, English dogs and the like," he wrote. He added that he was risking his life by being there and that "a Scots rabble is the worst of its kind". Defoe, it seemed, favoured the tabloid

approach to journalism. Mr Whelan's approach is likely to be a little more restrained. For one thing, he will see no violent protests on the streets: indeed he will be lucky to find the mob stirred to any greater action than switching channels on its TV sets when it comes around to news time. The various campaigns launched this week seem likely to revolve around issues so well-rehearsed that they have long since ironed out any lingering ability to surprise or alarm. When, during yesterday's press conference, the leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats, Jim Wallace, announced that one of his party's distinctive policies would be to improve disabled access, he conceded that this might not mean "storming the barricades". A sudden image surfaced, then sadly receded, of massed wheelchairs surging

through the capital. The fact is that these Scottish elections, despite reinstat-ing a parliament in Edinburgh and ushering in the greatest constitutional reform of the century, have not yet broken the traditional pattern

of a Westminster campaign. The Scottish National Party has staked its claim to the left-wing vote by announcing its intention to raise a penny more in tax, spending it on health, education and hous-ing. Its leader, Alex Salmond, has predicted that "Scotland's penny" would raily support from distillusioned Labour supporters, and has issued a postcard with ten promises similar to Tony Blair's election credit card, which carried five. There is little here to inject real drama: it runs from spending more on schoolbooks to abolishing the tolls on the Skyc Bridge. It downgrades the party's single most distinctive policy — independence — to tenth place, a sign, perhaps, of Mr Salmond's anxiety not to frighten the electorate with

anything too radical. Labour, operating a Mill-bank-style campaign from its Glasgow headquarters, is also anxious not to rock the boat. Its poll rating has recovered significantly in the past few weeks, and it seems likely to rely more on warning Scots about the dangers of national-ism than making extravagant promises about the powers of a new parliament. Yesterday's main revelation was that the party intends to seize the assets of drug barons, hardly the most challenging of ideas.

Only the Tories, revelling in the freedom that stems from a total power vacuum, can af-

ford to be adventurous. They have come up with the most radical proposal so far - a commitment to remove control of schools from local authority, education departments and devolve their management to school boards. Their chances of

Linklater implementing it, however, despite the opportunities offered by proportional representation, remain minimal

> Balkans, an area where L the remit of a Scottish parliament is unlikely to run, to inject any real life into this lacklustre affair. A radio debate between the four leaders on Tuesday turned venomous when Mr Salmond proposed pulling Nato out of the Kosovo conflict and imposing an oil embargo. Donald Dewar, for Labour, accused him of advocating policies that would lead to the extermination of the Albanians in Kosovo, Listeners polled by the radio station expressed more passion about

> the refugees than they did

about any Scottish issue. These are, of course, early days, and Mr Whelan may have more to report as the battle buses parade their election messages about the country. But he is unlikely to reach any more startling conclusion than the one that Defoe reported back to Harley 293 years ago: a United Kingdom which preserved the separate identities of the Scots and the English while drawing them closer together would, he said, preserve not destroy; secure not endanger; confirm not undermine". It was no more thrilling to read then than it is today. But it made just as

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much sense.



"THESE MEDIA INSULTS PLAY RIGHT INTO MILOSEVIC'S HANDS...

Target Milosevic

thoroughly dangerous line of argument is beginning to emerge from the log of the Balkans war. Some, mainly conservative, commenta-tors, both here and in the United States, are arguing, directly or by implication, that Nato should not be acting against President Milosevic. Some simply support the Serbs and think that they should be allowed to bring stability to the region, however brutally. These commentators have been less active since the pictures of the hopeless refugees have been filling our television screens. Others argue that Nato will fail in its attempt to coerce Mr Milosevic and that the West's actions will lead to the demise of the world's most successful military alliance.

These critics' motives cannot be certain, and may be as stated, but it is hard not to believe that some of them may be uneasy at the prospect of centre-left politicians like Bill Clinton and Tony Blair achieving a

military success. If Nato does fail, the future of the alliance will be in doubt. But so will the system of moral values that the Western world upholds. Then these critics will say that they have been vindicated. They will not have been. Instead, they will have become the servants of a re-emergence of barbarism in Europe.

There is no difference, except of scale, between the Nazi extermination of Jews and the ethnic cleansing of the Kosovo Albanians by Mr Milosevic and his colleagues. Let the critics differentiate, if they can-between the horror people felt in 1945 as the true scale and depravity of the Holocaust became clear and the horror we feel today. We witness on our screens the dead bodies of unarmed men, not members of the Kosovan Liberation Army, who have been systematically taken out of their homes and herded into fields and shot, often after their families have given money for their

lives to be spared. There is absolutely no difference in moral degradation between the actions of the murder squads organised by Mr Milosevic and those led by? Sawoniouk and all the other Nazis and Nazi sympathisers in the Second World War. Both sought material gain from their actions, looting and stealing the property of Jews and Albanians. Both murdered unarmed civilians because of their race. Both display a kind of moral sickness that is Nato leaders deserve better from their critics. But the West must

escalate the war, says David Hart

Milosevic

treats the

Kosovo

Albanians

like Hitler

Jews

irredeemable. If Chamberlain and Daladier had had the courage to act against Hitler, say after Kristalnacht in 1938, many millions of Jews would have survived to live normal lives. It is wholly right that Nato's political leaders, including the Americans and Canadians, have decided at last that barbarity will not be tolerated in Europe.

As soon as the first Nato bombs fell, Mr Milosevic was bound to react Perhaps the speed and brutality of the ethnic cleansing in Kosovo took some Nato leaders by surprise. But carping about being unprepared to succour the refugees, or about changes in Nato objectives, is very far off the mark.

have made a significant if appalling move in Kosovo, but on the chessboard of conflict it is not the first but the last significant move that

It is clear that Mr Milosevic's actions in Kosovo have changed the strategic environment so that Nato has no option now but to create a protectorate in part, or all, of Kosovo to which the displaced Albanians

vexed question of the use of Nato ground troops. Nato leaders are agreed that ground troops will be needed to police any settlement that is made with the Serb Government. Nato is ready with a well-prepared plan and some forces are in the area. An opposed Nato incursion into Kosovo is an entirely different matter. It would require something like 200,000 troops and involve

significant casualties.
It is understandable that the Americans do not want to commit eround troops to a European war. It took Churchill almost two years and significant help from the Japanese to persuade them to join us in the war against the Nazis. The American public does not yet have the will for a fight far away from home to save people they do not know and who speak a different language. But, if Mr Milosevic cannot be stopped by air power. Nato will either have to face defeat or ground troops will have to be deployed.

We are entering the most danger-ous moments of this conflict so far. In the ensuing days the will and courage of Nato's political leaders will be tested, as it has never been tested before. Mr Milosevic has already offered a tactical "ceasefire" this week and he will go on making offers designed to split the alliance. He may well even offer to accept Nato demands. But his record as a keeper of promises is not good. Even so, there will be intense pressure on Nato leaders to agree to settlement, even if it is an

unsatisfactory one. Mr Milosevic is steeped in blood that a negotiated settlement is now no longer tenable, unless he surrenders himself and his henchmen as part of the deal. That is a most unlikely outcome. Any conclusion to hostilities that leaves Mr Milosevic where he is and his murder treated the squads in tact, will come to be seen by the Western

press and all sensible

people as a defeat for

Nato. The West has no can, and will, return. That raises the option. It must escalate the conflict well beyond Mr Milosevic's expectations and calculations. He knows that Western leaders are civilised and do not like conflict. He has been banking on just that. It must be a fundamental figure in his calculations. The destruction of the Milosevic leadership must now become the principle objective of Nato military action. Nato must attack Mr Milosevic's political infrastructure, his colleagues and the man himself. It is too late for threats of improbable arrests, lengthy arguments in The Hague at war-crimes trials and life imprisonment. Civilised and satisfying though that would be, and despite the Lockerbie suspects' incarceration, it will not happen to Mr

Milosevic. No more midnight attacks by cruise missiles against Defence and Interior Ministry facilities. The attacks should be timed to coincide with the maximum occupation of such buildings. The thugs who have organised the ethnic cleansing must be targets, not just their buildings.

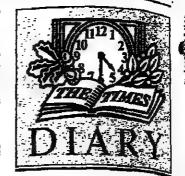
There are those who argue that air power alone cannot force Mr Milosevic to comply with Nato.
Certainly, there are not many precedents to gainsay them. Air power is crucially dependent on what or who is targeted, and how effectively. Colonel Muammar Gadaffi of Lybia shut down his state-sponsored terrorism after the Americans almost managed to kill him by aerial bombardment. Technology has advanced greatly since then. Even in the past five years there have been spectacular advances in accuracy and capability. It would be unwise for Mr Milosevic to think that Nato does not have the means to destroy him. even if it is reasonable for him to have supposed that it does not have the will.

Killing innocent and unarmed Albanians in cold blood is cowardly. Those who do such things are cowards. If Mr Milosevic and his murderous colleagues see the cruise missiles and the smart bombs getting rapidly closer to their own offices, their own homes and their own persons. I would be surprised if they do not sue for peace. If they do not, the Jugoslav National Army leadership may well take over and do it for them. There are senior officers in the Jugoslav army with a sense of honour proper to military men. They cannot be comfortable with the actions of their political leadership or with the daily sight of their men, equipment and military facilities being destroyed by a largely untouchable enemy.

there are no easy choices in war and no easy ways to stop evil men from committing acts of barbarity. However distasteful it may be for civilised Western leaders to contemplate, the destruction of Mr Milosevic and his murderous colleagues would bring the conflict to a speedy end and would avoid the uncertain ties and far greater bloodshed of an inevitable and protracted conflict in the Balkans. It would also put other leaders on notice that the West will not tolerate barbarity in its midst.

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Paine's gain?

LORD ATTENBOROUGHS IN

publican campaign has received a sympathetic ear at No 10. The film director dined discreetly with Jonathan Powell, Tony Blair scher, of staff, last Friday to discrewhether the PM would be prepared to lend indirect support to the anti-monarchy movement by un-veiling a statue of Thomas Paine Attenborough, who plans to make a film of the 18th-century revolutionary's life featuring Daniel Day-Lewis, is the highest profile supporter of the Common Sense group. It is campaigning to have Paine's seminal role in the Ameri-can and French Revolutions recog-nised in Britain by unveiling the

IF BETTE DAVIS had been a little more pleasant in 1955 on the set of The Virgin Queen, Joan Collins (left) might have become a very different actress. "I was 19, working with Bette (right)," says the star of The Bitch. "She was so horrible that I said to myself, 'if ever I get to be a star, I am going to be as supportive as possible to

statue on the day the last hereditary peer leaves the House of Lords.





KEN LIVINGSTONE owes his. life to Dr Strangelove. The Labour M.P. who as the former GLC leaderdeclared London a nuclear-freezone, has disclosed that a doctor on a French nuclear test site in Africa

While on holiday from his day job as a lab technician, Livingstone stumbled into the weapons facility while travelling across the Sahara in 1966. "I had terrible dysentery, thad lost the use of both my legs and was clearly dying," he recalls.

"The nearest town was more than-500 miles away. In the middle of the desert, there was a barbed wire we rang. A Jeep drove over, a. French doctor was summoned and my life was saved."

THAT pretty, albeit politically aware, boy of Britpop, Damon Albarn, wants to become Bjork's soulmate. The lead singer of Blur, who owns a Reykjavik pad, has applied for Icelandic citizenship:
"I feel uncomfortable in England. Iceland is a place I feel a kindred spirit with, and it's a way to stick two fingers up at the English Establishment."

WHEN I knock into Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus, the crooners who formed the middle letters of Abba, at the Mamma Mia! premiere party, they tell me a comeback is unlikely: "Look at us. We are too old to play the part."! demur from repeating their comments about how time has treated Frida and Agnetha.

YELLOW AND B



VICTORIA WOOD is to bail out David Blunkett. She expects to raise £15,000 in one night by performing a rare double act with Geoffrey Durham, her magician husband, for her child's school.

DOMINICK DUNNE, the, American man of letters, claims be could have stymied the Lewinsky, palaver if only he had believed the affair was possible. In the forthooming Vanity Fair, he says he kept abreast of Linda Tripp's taping through a literary agent friend Before the messy business blewup. Dunne bumped into Vernon: Jordan, President Clinton's golf, buddy and legal minder, in a New York restaurant in 1997: "I decided

to warn him that an intern of the President's was being taped. But the story suddenly seemed absurd. I thought that no one could be such a goddamned fool as 10. have an affair with a twentysome thing in the Oval Office. So I simply mumbled 'Give my best to the

EDWARD WELSH

'The West has consistently seen air power as a kind of geopolitical one-night stand, offering gratification without commitment'

ver since President Milo-sevic started his crack-down on the Kosovo Liberation Army 13 months ago, Western threats have been undermined by one refrain. We will not send in ground troops until a settlement is agreed," chorused the foreign ministries. The tragic consequence of this policy is that ground troops will now have to be sent in, but at a time, and in circumstances, of Mr Milosevic's

choosing.
Nato has, this week, at last allowed that ground forces may be committed. But only if they can be guaranteed "unopposed entry". Air power alone, it is argued, will create a "permissive environment in Kosovo which allows Nato to police a de facto settlement.

But the proliferation of euphemisms cannot disguise the essential fallacy on which Nato policy still rests. You cannot police a

settlement unless you show the resolution necessary to enforce one. The West's readiness to use air power was supposed to show its resolve. But the West has consistently seen air power as a kind of geopolitical one-night stand, offering gratification without commitment.

The Western horror of openended military commitment inhibits Nato's capacity to use its military superiority to achieve its goals. Nato's principal military powers are still haunted by two previous interventions. In Somalia and Bosnia, troops committed before a deal was reached apparently had to choose between the irrelevance of waiting for the combatants to settle, or embroilment in a protracted conflict. Reason suggested that the best way to avoid another Srebrenica or Mogadishu was to refuse to commit troops until there was a

settlement to police - no matter

Dominick Donald

how much any of the belligerents might beg for help. This would provide a clear mission, simple objectives and a swift withdrawal. And if the parties were reluctant to put down their arms. air power could push them to the negotiating table.

Washington's foreign policy establishment, with its gift for the revealing euphemism, coined a new phrase for this application of force from the skies which avoids any American casualties. It's called "immaculate coer- I cion". But, like immaculate conception, this wonderful idea works only as myth.

The faiture of the West to bring Serbia to heel during the Rambouillet negotiations revealed the fundamental flaw in "immaculate coercion". The Milosevics of

believe you mean what you say. Yet deadlines were postponed and ultimatums ignored. Power is as much about political will as military means, and political will is best reflected by how much one is ready to risk: yet our leaders declared we would commit ground troops only if Mr Milosevic rolled over. By telling the Yugoslav leader we would not risk anything substantial we showed him our will was weak.

To talk now of "unopposed entry" only invites President Milosevic to finish his programme of ethnic cleansing, secure in the knowledge that the West will not risk lives to save lives.

The current failure of Nato policy on Kosovo stems in large this world will buckle only if they part from the Western political Tony Blair and Bill Clinton had

lethal fantasy. The best way to minimise risk is to maintain the initiative. But the Western refusal to deploy a ground force before a settlement handed that initiative to Mr Milosevic. It left the principal issue at stake - the Kosovan Albanians - in his unmerciful hands. And despite the disclaimers of the last week, it has long been clear that Mr Milosevic might drive them out: his ruthless conduct in Vukovar in 1991 showed what he would do when unrestrained. Now Nato will have to deploy a ground force. But the deployment will be on Mr Milosevic's terms. Who else but he will do the permitting

reluctance to understand that

'no-casualty" intervention is a

in the "permissive environment" of which strategists dream? A ground deployment was on the cards the moment "immaculate coercion" was launched. If

thought this through, they would have set about building the political consensus for an early deployment. Then they would have been better placed to persuade Mr Milosevic to conform. and to ensure that the inevitable assault was mounted on our terms and thus with fewer casualties. Instead they indulged in the fantasy that the refusal to take risks shows strength of will. It does not. It simply increases the dangers. A ground intervention before the enemy is ready to settle can demonstrate will and shape a resolution, rather than simply execute it. Sometimes the hest way to avoid danger is to

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TO WILL THE END

Nato politicians must will the means for victory

Two weeks into the air war, Slobodan Milosevic at last begins to look like the loser that he must, at whatever cost, be eventually proved to be. The Serbian leader cannot have expected Nato to do other than kick away his unilateral "ceasefire" - a temporary and tactical ceasefire that has stopped neither attacks on Nato aircraft nor fresh atrocities against Kosovans. Its main purpose was probably to provide political camouflage for standing down his armour in Kosovo before Nato destroys it, as it has finally begun to do. He may even extend the tactic, since Nato assaults on his ground forces in Kosovo will be more devastating once the American Apache attack belicopters and multiple launch rocket systems are deployed. Whether or not he does so, this supposed ceasefire is an irrelevance.

Kosovo's Albanians continue to endure a living hell; but a massive allied relief operation is beginning to improve condi-tions for the hundreds of thousands of deportees forced into Montenegro, Albania and Macedonia. That operation must include proper coverage of the administrative, social and logistical costs incurred by these governments and their people; and broad economic support for them and for other countries in the region, such as Bulgaria, which face extensive economic damage as a result of a conflict that is not of their making.

The agony of the Kosovans has appalled Western public opinion, hardening their support for Nato. It has begun to convince even the most pacific and the most sceptical that this evil, unparalleled in postwar Europe, cannot stand - and that unstintingly generous humanitarian relief, while essential and urgent, is a palliative rather than the solution that must be pursued.

That solution is their return, in safety, to rebuild their shattered lives; anything else would be a defeat for Nato and for humanity. There can be no peace that accepts the "facts on the ground" that Mr Milosevic has, in a calculated challenge. created. And there would in fact be no peace on those abject terms; for if the neighbouring countries had permanently to absorb most of the Kosovan refugees, Mr Milosevic would then have succeeded in destabilising the entire region.

ard evidence accumulates that the atrocities in Kosovo are premeditated war crimes, that the methodical elimination of the Kosovan Albanians has been in preparation for months. The CIA was aware as early as last autumn of a plan, codenamed Operation Horseshoe, to kill or drive them out over several months. A village a day was the rate that Mr Milosevic calculated the West would wring its hands over without acting. In Pristina, public records have been combed to identify precisely which homes, shops and businesses were Albanian-owned; Serb police and paramilitaries have emptied towns and villages neighbourhood by neighbourhood in a pattern that has has been as unvaried as it has been ruthless.

The packed trains, the snipers picking off those who straved out of line on the forced marches to the borders: every detail points to the existence of a detailed blueprint. without which so many could not have been murdered or driven into exile within a fortnight. In this context, yesterday's reported sealing of the frontiers by Serb forces is a sinister development; there is no such thing as safety in Kosovo for a people marked for destruction solely because of their racial identity.

This, then, is a war that must be won and must be seen to be won. Convinced of this. Western publics await, with mounting impatience, a clearer articulation of what "winning" would look like, and how Nato proposes to get there.

On "winning", Nato's reiterated insistence that Mr Milsoevic must accept "a political settlement based on the Rambouilet peace agreement" rings hollow. Even with extensive self-government, it left Belgrade in ultimate authority over Kosovo and gave it two years to withdraw its troops and paramilitary forces. Rambouillet is dead. That leaves only partition, or an international protectorate which Nato would have to police for years to come.

Partition may be Mr Milosevic's planned fallback. But it cannot be remotely on his terms. The only partition that could, after such brutality, be contemplated would create small enclaves around particularly "historic" Serb sites, with the rest of the province under the full control of the Kosovan Albanian majority. Even then, whatever moral sense such a settlement might make, it would most likely just set the stage for the next conflict.

A protectorate makes more sense, It would ultimately lead either to a Yugoslav confederation under a new constitutional settlement, or to independence. The choice would be Serbia's: if the Milosevic police state stays in power, independence would be the consequence. If his regime were replaced by a democratic Government committed, like that of the republic of Montenegro, to intercommunal tolerance, a confederation could just conceivably be accepted by the traumatised Kosovans; that would create the best conditions for durable political stability and the massive reconstruction that will be required.

ut first Mr Milosevic must be defeated. Nato leaders still insist that this can be achieved by air power alone. They are not believed, either by their own publics or by Belgrade. It is time that they answered the question: what happens after the bombing? For now, the Alliance's priority is to hammer Yugoslavia's military infrastructure and the fighting strength and morale of its forces in Kosovo. But sooner rather than later, airstrikes will have achieved all that they can, short of destroying what is left of the modern Yugoslav state. These airstrikes may or may not succeed in creating the "permissive environment" which would enable people to start returning home under Nato protection. Even under the best scenario, Nato troops will require much heavier armoury than was envisaged at the time of Rambouillet. It is more likely that they will have to contend with armed Serb resistance, organised or "freelance".

There is no predicting if, or when, Mr Milosevic will admit defeat. There must be no question of a gap of weeks or months before Nato is ready to move in its troops. Nato started this campaign on the wrong foot: it must be adequately prepared for the finish, and be seen to be so.

Public support for committing troops, to a ground war if need be, is growing, with a majority now in favour even in the United States. The barbarity in Kosovo has seen to that. Troops can be swiftly deployed; but their equipment needs to be seaborne in the very near future. The Pentagon's announcement that 2,600 troops, equipped with main battle tanks and armoured vehicles. will move to Albania as "force protection" for the Apache helicopters, could be the preliminary moves in the direction to which the logic of this war inexorably points. There is no gain in politicians continuing to pretend that they are the only people who have neither given, nor are prepared to give, the proper thought to the

YELLOW AND BENT

The EU's contorted banana regime must now be abandoned

For the fifth time in a mere six years an international trade panel has investigated the methods by which the European Union regulates the imports of bananas and found them wanting. On every previous occasion the EU has fiddled at the edges of its rules and avoided the substantive issue. As a result the EU and an increasingly frustrated United States have found themselves on the brink of a serious trade conflict. The decision announced by the World Trade Organisation (WTO) yesterday represents the EU's last chance to reach an amicable settlement. If it does not, then nearly £120 million of retaliatory American sanctions will be imposed shortly, with a devastating impact on the

Scottish cashmere industry among others. The WTO arbitrators were required to pronounce on whether the EU banana regime applies quotas and tariffs to certain countries in a discriminatory fashion. It is not difficult to sympathise with the logic that led them to conclude that the present banana system is indefensible. The EU divides banana producers into three different sections: those within the EU itself; those from 12 specific African. Caribbean and Pacific nations: and others from those regions plus the so-called "dollar banana" suppliers from Latin America. The first two quotas are based on the highest previous levels of sales and are thus very charitable. The final quota is set deliberately low and, once exceeded,

invokes unterly punitive additional tariffs. Nor can this be defended as a necessary means of preserving plucky, poor, former colonies from heartless American-owned multinational corporations. The primary cost of the current banana rules falls upon the hapless EU consumer. A modest £100 million is returned to a favoured few developing countries. Among those Latin American states hit hard by the EU's regulations are Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua: these are impoverished nations at the best of times and in dire straits after the damage inflicted by Hurricane Mitch six months ago. The complicated EU rules for allocating quotas within quotas has also tended to favour the relatively rich over their often poorer neighbours.

The broader macroeconomic effect is even more undesirable. The EU manages to distort the world banana trade in a manner that leaves producer nations at no net financial advantage. The consequence of deliberate delay in Brussels over the past six years is that a start has scarcely been made in encouraging those changes among the banana exporters of the West Indies - such as the consolidation of small plantations - that would reduce their costs and enhance their competitive position. The essential task of encouraging muchneeded economic diversification in these

countries has been similarly neglected. The EU should introduce a non-discriminatory quota and tariff system or, better still, abolish quotas and tariffs completely. Sir Leon Brittan, the acting EU Commissioner concerned, promised yesterday to abide by the WTO decision but did not rule our continuing this battle. That decision will be delegated to EU members. They would be extremely unwise to persist in a struggle that is not in the interests of their consumers, or of international commerce. or even of the banana growers themselves.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Milosevic in pursuit of his 'final solution' in Kosovo

From Sir Reginald Hibbert

Sir, The idea of driving all the Albanians out of Kosovo has been canvassed sporadically in Serb nationalist theorisings ever since the prov-ince was allocated to Serbia by the then great powers in 1912-13.

Governments in Belgrade have tried fairly consistently to make Albanians leave. They have had some success; but the Albanian population has multiplied and the Serb population declined as Serb families preferred not to stay in that relatively neglected, underdeveloped and overwhelmingly Albanian region.

President Milosevic and his Government are the first to try to put the theoretical final solution into practice. It is a final solution without gas chambers. There is plenty of killing, but perhaps not enough as yet to earn the name of holocaust in public estimation.

The cause of this final solution is not the bombing but the assessment made in Belgrade that the Contact Group plan put forward at Rambouillet implied that Kosovo would slip out of Serbian control in the next few years and that the ruin of the Greater Serbia project would be complete. The only way to prevent Kosovo becoming autonomous was to drive out the population which would exercise autonomy.

Those who flinch from Nato's action, or speculate about a negotiated endgame, or weigh up the possibility of dividing Kosovo should perhaps reflect on the shame and confusion which will overtake Europe if we fail for a second time to check and reverse the carrying-out of a final solution in this century. And the Russians, with their experience of pogroms and mas-sacres, would be wise to recognise that a truly massive pogrom is occurring in Kosovo and avoid lending support to its perpetrators.

Yours faithfully, REGINALD HIBBERT. Y Frondeg, Pennal, Machynlleth, Powys \$120 9JX.

From Dr Raphael Papadopoulos Sir, The most serious and lasting da-

mage by the bombs and rockets is being inflicted on the international community and its collective institutions. Nato's action constitutes a clear violation of the rules of the international community and its own charter. Why

will a Nato-imposed selectivity in the use of military force be better for the peace of the world than the more balanced and consensual selectivity implicit in the UN rules?

Milosevic's behaviour in Kosovo, abhorrent as it is, is not unique. "Successful" examples of ethnic cleansing in Palestine, Croatia and northern Cyprus, to name the three nearest, suggest that ethnic cleansers consider war of any kind as a golden opportunity for a rapid acceleration of the process.

What seems to be different this time is the determined effort of some Nato politicians to channel the public debate by flourishing new rules of engagement for Nato and a selective view of history.

Yours sincerely, R. PAPADOPOULOS, 52 Asmuns Place, NWII 7XE.

From Dr Martin Evans

Sir. I totally support the principle of Nato military intervention to stop this abhorrent "ethnic cleansing", but, as our wiser retired generals have re-peatedly reminded us, it will take a land army to do it. If we did not think we could win even with a ground force we should never have started this war.

Nato's faith in bombs as a means of persuasion is alarming for its naivety and our Government's intellectual dishonesty in pretending that we can successfully prosecute this war from a safe distance insults the intelligence and courage of the British people.

Yours faithfully, MARTIN EVANS. 35 Cavendish Avenue, Cambridge CBI 7UR. April 6.

From Mr Ansei Harris

Sir, Almost daily, Tom Walker has reported conditions and attitudes in Belgrade under Nato's bombing. But there are no reports of protests in Belgrade against the ethnic cleansing of Kosovo. Nor, for that matter, were there during the earlier atrocities in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

I do not believe, as was suggested in the BBC news this evening, that Ser-

bians are ignorant of these crimes. Daniel Goldhagen's monumental study Hitler's Willing Executioners (Little, Brown & Co. 1996) showed how widespread within Germany was the knowledge of Hitler's genocidal policies which, in today's terminology, would be described as ethnic

It would appear that, like the Germans, the people of Serbia are dis-claiming knowledge of the crimes being committed in their name.

Yours faithfully ANSEL HARRIS, 35 The Pryors, NW3 IBP.

From Mr Patrick Howarth

Sir, Slobodan Milosevic, who might otherwise have been adjudged a rather third-rate and readily forgettable political figure, seems likely to have been transformed by recent events into a national hero, whom Serbs will revere through centuries to come.

Indeed it may not be long before some enterprising Serbian impresario commissions an opera, of which Milosevic will be the hero.

Yours faithfully, PATRICK HOWARTH. 2 Pencarrow, The Avenue Sherbourne, Dorset DT9 3AJ.

From Mr Leon Gamsa

Sir, For the cost of a single cruise missile, how many leaflets could be dropped over Belgrade to make its citizens aware of the genocide perpetrated in their name?

Yours faithfully, LEON GAMSA. 45 Brampion Grove, NW4 4AH. April 7.

From Mr J. C. Griffiths

Sir. As always, the Ancients have a saying for it: "When they make a des-ert they call it peace" (Tacitus, Agri-

It looks as though the efforts of both sides to this conflict will leave Kosovo a region of abandoned villages and a ruined infrastructure.

Yours etc. JOHN C. GRIFFITHS, 5 The Courtyard, Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Melton Mowbray, LE14 4RE.

War crimes

From Mrs Irene Rosenberg

Sir, Mr Barry Baines comments (letbeen convicted of crimes committed in 1942 and suggests that "the door be shut on the past".

Unfortunately, the past is so tightly packed with the corpses of millions of innocent men, women and children, and of many, many frail old people, that the doors just cannot be closed.

Yours faithfully, IRENE ROSENBERG. 17 Fernhall Drive, Redbridge, Ilford, Essex IG4 5BN.

Fires in tunnels

From Mr Alan Smith

Sir. It is hard for me to understand why the tragic fire in the Mont Blanc tunnel (report, March 27), or that in the Channel Tunnel in 1996, should have taken several hours to subdue. A simple plug of fresh-air detergent foam, generated upwind of the seat of the fire, will rapidly extinguish it. while permitting refugees and fire-fighters to breathe. The fiercer the fire, the more rapidly such a plug will take effect, provided it is formed by spraying a light mesh screen, which can be rapidly erected to cover the cross-section of the tunnel.

This foam plug technique was developed at the Safety in Mines Research Establishment in the 1950s, and widely publicised in the mining industry at the time.

Yours faithfully. ALAN SMITH (Chartered mining engineer), 63 Abbey House, la Abbey Road, NW8 9BX. March 27.

Pupil selection

From Mr Donald S. Akroyd

Sir. Mr Edward Norman (letter, March 29) is so right in believing that selection will be distressing to the least gifted in the class who cannot become the "new elite".

It will be distressing for those in comprehensive schools to see a classmate with four A levels proceed to Oxbridge; for those in the village team to see any friend playing in the Premier League; for a junior clerk to see a colleague rise to board level; or even for the parish priest to see a neighbouring priest elevated to a bishopric.

But then life is distressing, some are more equal than others and education must encourage the bright pupils and recognise that there will always be "also-rans".

Yours. DONALD S. AKROYD. The Stone Cottage, Barnwell, Peterborough PE8 5PF. March 29.

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Judges' ruling on asylum-seekers

From Mr J. B. McGuinness

Sir. The Geneva Convention rightly lays down ground rules for the protection of asylum-seekers. However, the construction placed on the convention by the law lords by extending the concept of a "social group" to include women if their country of origin is perceived as having "institutionalised discrimination against women" (Law Report, March 26) is unwarranted and challenges the conventions regarding the relationship between the judiciary and the legislature.

Lord Hoffmann makes it clear that the delegates to the convention in 1951 were not contemplating as their inten-tion that women should form a specified group entitling them to protec-tion. Yet the law lords feel free to repair this omission from no other source than historical analogies and their own conscience, admirable though that is.

In extremis, judges may construct a meaning to a statute or treaty if this can be seen as demonstrating the intention of the legislating body. If the search for the purpose of the legislation could cause them to overstep their constitutional limits they step back and leave it to the jurisdiction of

In this case the law lords have stepped over the mark. As the final court of appeal on this matter they have created law. The only choice for the Home Secretary and Parliament is to bring in legislation reversing the judgment, which is unlikely.

Given that the Human Rights Act is currently on the statute book we face a situation of major constitutional significance. The judiciary is clearly feeling in a reforming mood and may chal-lenge any legislation that it feels contravenes some universal human right. Parliament won the battle in the last century as to the right of judges to challenge statutes. In the next century the judiciary is clearly going to have a more powerful role.

The independence of the judiciary must be examined. The selection process will have to become more transparent and accountable. Parliament must recognise that it will have to forgo its present absolute sovereignty.

J. B. McGUINNESS, 22 Oswald Road, Chorlton, Manchester M21 9LP. April 3.

Speed-traps

From Mr Adam Ogilvie-Smith

Sir. There is no harm in publishing the locations of speed traps (report, March 24; letters, March 31 and April 7). The cameras' objective is to reduce accident rates, not to increase penalties to motorists.

My review of the Traffic Police in 1993-94, on behalf of the Home Office, revealed two key facts. First, the policy was to site cameras where there was a proven accident rate, not necessarily where speeds were highest. Second, some police forces had co-operated with the creation of "speed-trap maps": when one such city map was being made, the relevant police force alerted the map-maker to cameras he had missed - with the goal of reducing accidents at those locations, either by slowing or diverting the

Yours faithfully adam ogilvie-smith, Hyde House. Longworth, Oxfordshire OX13 5HH. April 7.

Wedding gifts

From Mrs Cynthia Knowles

Sir, At their request we have given our daughter, and new son-in-law of ten days, a tandem (letters, April 2 and 5).

Yours faithfully, CYNTHIA KNOWLES, Square Fold, 26 White Lion Road, Amersham, Buckinghamshire HP7 9JD.

Marbles in the gutter

From Mr Murray Freedman

Sir. Mr Edward Wilcock's letter (March 27) about children playing tors" (marbles) in the streets of Leeds. following your photograph (March 19), brought back many happy personal memories. One dialect word he mentioned that has persisted is "ginnel" for alleyway, and "foreigners" to Yorkshire happily acquire its use when they settle amongst us Leoden-

What I particularly remember as a Jewish child in the Thirties was playing "nuts" less than a mile away from where the photograph was taken at this time of the year - Passover.

Hazelnuts were used in a variety of games, the origins of which I do not know. In one, empty matzo boxes had holes of various sizes cut in them and one had to roll the nuts through the holes to gain more nuts as prizes. In another game the holes and dips between the street cobbles were utilised. Winners over the season ended up with a great stock of hazelnuts.

Alas, along with the demise of the cobbles went the games - of which the present generation of Jewish children has probably never heard.

Yours faithfully, M. P. FREEDMAN, 29 Sandhill Crescent, Leeds LSI7 8DY. mpfreed@infinnet.co.uk March 28.

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Medical efficacy of green tea

From Dr Anne M. Birrell

Sir, May I add a footnote to your entertaining editorial on the efficacy of drinking green tea ("Hot, wet and healthy", April 1).

The anecdote about the discovery of tea as a drink by the "servant of the Chinese Emperor Shen Nung" is triply apocryphal. Shen Nung was not an historical emperor and the dates given are a traditional invention.

Shen Nung was a god whose name translates as God the Farmer. Besides being the god of agriculture, he was also the god and divine originator of medicine. His name was attached to the traditional pharmacopoeia, generally entitled the Pen ts'ao, or herbal.

Far from being discovered and enjoyed in the 3rd millennium BC, Thea viridis, the tea shrub, was originally not indigenous to China but imported from India in the 6th century AD. Its link with God the Farmer, patron of medicine, is its medical efficacy, allegedly aiding drinkers as a diuretic, laxative, stimulant and cooling infusion, besides its use as an eyewash and lotion for sores. Its seeds allegedly cured coughs

The Tang writer Lu Yu promoted its benefits in his book, The Tea Classic of AD 804, using the word ch'a for tea, whence cuppa char in pidgin English.

Yours sincerely, ANNE M. BIRRELL (Author, Chinese Mythology - An Introduction, The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1993), Herschel Road, Cambridge CB3 9AL.

From Dr L. Fisch

Sir, Your leading article concerning the benefits of drinking tea mentioned William Gladstone: "If you are depressed it will cheer you; if you are

excited, it will calm you." A reason for the paradoxical effect of so-called psychostimulants was suggested by Dr J. Wilder in the American Journal of Psychotherapy (72,199, 1958) and other journals. He named this phenomenon "The law of initial values", according to which a change in any function caused by stimulation depends upon the pre-stimulus level of that function.

A commonly used stimulant, such as tea for example, has precisely the effect mentioned by Gladstone. A habitual smoker may light a cigarene to calm down, but when he or she is feeling low and depressed it may

stimulate activity. Doctors and others are puzzied by the paradoxical effect of psychostimulants (especially Ritalin, used to calm hyperactive children but which is also accepted as a stimulant). Nevertheless, Dr Wilder's important revelations seem to have disappeared into

the dustbin of history. Yours truly. L. FISCH. 46 The Drive, Harrow, Middlesex HA2 7EJ. April 2

Fired-up for speed

From Mr John Disley Sir, Mr John Hunter, the winner of the World Coal Carrying Championships (photograph and caption, April 6) should be immediately signed up for the British Olympic team. His time of 4 minutes 27 seconds for the mile is astounding. It would mean that if he started at the front of next week's London Marathon he would be 200 metres ahead of the field at the mile post, with his 110lb bag of coal.

Of course, it could be that the Yorkshire timekeepers used a cuckoo-clock or that the course was measured by a car's mileometer, both notoriously

Yours faithfully, JOHN DISLEY The London Marathon Limited, PO Box 1234, London SEI 8RZ. April 6.

All you need to know?

From Mr Frank Horisk Sir, In the TV listings of my local daily newspaper there appears this outline of the programme Animal Hospital on BBCl on Easter Tuesday: "A kitten whose leg became trapped in its collar returns for a check-up and the vets perform an operation on a pet lizard with a swollen foot."

Does this show that John Birt's mission to explain has now been fully

FRANK HORISK, 47 Church Street, Irvinestown. Co Fermanagh BT94 IEJ. April 6.

You have been warned

From Mr Michael Blakey

Sir, AA signs on a number of our local roads read: "April 10. Campaign for a Living Wage. Severe Delays Expect-

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL BLAKEY. Castle Farm Mews. Castle Farm Road, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 3RG.

Forthcoming

marriages

Mr P. Baillie

and Miss V.J. Hornby

Mr AJ.R. Berens

South Glamorgan.

place in August.

Mr F.W.H. Ghali

Mr T.E.H. James

Fulham, London.

and Miss C.D.P.G. Agnew

and Miss L.G. Buchanan

Mr R.O. Brown and Dr F.L.M. Haworth

and Miss E.L.E. Holland

The engagement is announced

between Paul, son of the late Mr

Patrick Baillie and of Mrs Baillie.

of Henfield, West Sussex, and

Ginny, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Homby, of Minety, Wiltshire.

The engagement is announced

between Andrie, elder son of Mr

and Mrs Henry Berens, of

Bentworth, Hampshire, and

Emma only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Holland, of Cardiff.

The engagement is announced

between Rupert, younger son of

Mr and Mrs Peter Brown, of Hellingly, East Sussex, and Fiona.

younger daughter of Mr and Mrs

Nigel Haworth, of Waddington, Lancashire. The wedding will take

Mr D.W. Browne and Miss E.C. Storey The engagement is announced between Darran, son of Mr and

Mrs Stuart Browne, of Wolston.

Warwickshire, and Eleanor, eldest

daughter of Mr and Mrs Tom

Storey, of Lower Beeding, West

The engagement is announced

between Farid, only son of Mr and Mrs W.H.R. Ghali, of Charlotte,

daughter of the late Mr T.O. Buchanan, and of Mrs P.M.

Buchanan, of Rhu, Argyll and

The engagement is announced between Tim, elder son of Mr and

Mrs Nicholas James, of West Union, Peebles-shire, and Charlotte,

daughter of Mr Rudolph Agnew, of Kington Langley, Wiltshire, and The Hon Mrs Clare Agnew, of

North Carolina, and Lorna, young



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CLARENCE HOUSE April 6: The Hon Mrs Rhodes has succeeded Dame Frances Campbell-Preston as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

April 7: The Duke of York today launched the Royal News Review on the Internet at the Costa Cafe, Buckingham Palace Road. London

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

April 7: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened Alexandra House, which is the home of Age Concern Hounslow and the Brentford Community Resource Centre, in Albany Road, Brentford, Middlesex. Her Royal Highness, Presi-

dent, subsequently visited the Imperial Cancer Research Shop at 123a King Street, Hammersmith, London.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will visit the Taigh Chearsabhaigh Arts Centre at Lichmaddy, North Uist, at 11.20; will visit Lochmaddy Surgery, at 11.55; will visit the Iron Age Settlement at Bernera, Isle of Lewis, at 12.55; and will join members of the Berneray Community for a reception at the Community Centre and then present the Lord of the Isles Trophy to the winning team of the Shinty Mini Festival, at 1.50.

The Duke of Kent vice-chairman. British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Rolls-Royce, Filton, at 10.40; and will visit Hewlett-Fackard, Bristol, at 12.30.

Princess Alexandra, patron, will attend a reception and function to mark the 20th anniversary of the foundation of the Alzheimer's Dis-ease Society, at the Cafe Royal, Regent Street, London W1, at 12.30.

Mr Peregrine **Fellowes** A memorial service for Mr Per-

egrine Fellowes, will be held at the Brompton Oratory, on Thursday, May 6, 1999, at 11.00am.

Mrs Santa Peake (von Henikstein)

A mass in thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Santa Maria Peake, will be held in the Chapel of The Hope Nursing Home. Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge, on Wednesday, April 14, 1999, at 11.00am.

School news

Queen Margaret's School, York Queen Margaret's School, York announces the awards of the following Scholarships for September 1999: Academie

Acadessie

114: Anna Dawson (Kruryton Primary School, Thursk), Sheredan Ford (Badger Hill Primary School, York).

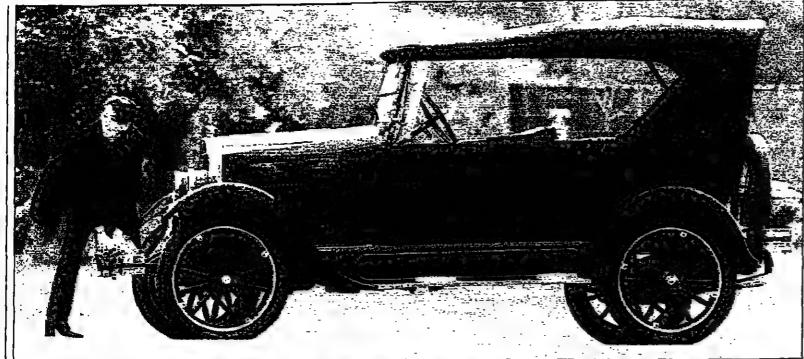
124: Caroline Gore-Booch (Polarn Hall School, Darlington), Elizabeth Hodgkinson (Queen Marrys School, Thirsk).

134: Marry Gore-Booth (Polarn Hall School, Darlington), Meeka Harrison-Topham (Queen Marrys School, Thirsk).

135: Sixth Parra Insternal awards Vectoria Argyle, Rachel O'Brien, Noelle Sugiyama.

Appointments

Mr lain Kelly has been appointed Ambassador to Belarus in succession to Miss Jessica Pearce, and Mr John Grant has been appoint ed Ambassador to Sweden from August In succession to Mr Roger Bone. Miss Pearce and Mr Bone will be transferring to new Diplo-



This sparkling 1924 Star cabriolet, made by the Durant Motor Company of Michigan as an up-to-date rival of the Model T Ford, is expected to make £8,000 to £10.000 at an auction of vintage cars, motorcycles and motoring paraphernalia at Sotheby's Billingshurst saleroom tomorrow

Birthdays today

Mr Kofi Annan, Secretary-General, United Nations, 61; Professor Sir John Arbuthnott, Principal, Strathclyde University, 60; Mr Tony Banks, MP, Minister for Sport, 56; Mr Hywel Bennett, actor. 55: Mr Mark Blundell, racine driver. 33: Sir Andrew Bowden, former MP, 69; Si Graham Burton, diplomat, 58; General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hock lev. 75: Lord Grantchester, 48: Air Commandant Dame Alice Lowrey former matron-in-chief, PMRAF-NS, 94: Mrs Mary Moore, former Principal, St Hilda's College, Ox-ford, 19; Mr W. Garth Morrison. former Chief Scout, 56: Mr Peter Rogers, chief executive, ITC, 58: Mr Ian Smith, former Prime Minister of Rhudesia, 80: Mr Alec Stewart, cricketer, 36; Sir Thomas Thomson, former chairman, Great-cr Glasgow Health Board, 76: Miss Dorothy Tutin, actress, 68: Miss Vivienne Westwood, fashion designer, 58; Baroness Young of Old Scone, 51.

Service luncheon

Somerset Light Infantry Colonel J.L. Waddy presided at a luncheon of the Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Albert's) held yesterday at the Mount Somerset Hotel, Taunton.

Meeting Royal Institute of International

Affairs Sir Charles Powell was the speaker at a meeting of the Royal Institute of International Affairs held vesterday at Chatham House. Lord Jenkin of Roding presided.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Loudon, horticulturist, Cambuslang, Strathchyde, 1783; Sir Arthur Streeton, Australian painter, Victoria, 1867: Albert I. King of the Belgians 1909-34. Brussels. 1875: Sir Adrian Boult, conductor. Chester, 1389; Mary Pickford, silent film star, Toronto. 1893: Sonia Henie, world skating champion and film actress. Oslo, 1912

DEATHS: El Greco, painter, Toledo, 1614; Karl von Humboldt, philosopher and educator, Tegel, Germany, 1835; Elisha Otis, pioneer of the safety lift. Yonkers, New York, 1861; Vaslav Nijinsky, bailet dancer. London, 1950; Pablo Picasso, painter, Mougins, France, 1973; Omar Nelson Bradley, American army general, New York. 1981. Isambard Kinedom Brunela steamship Great Western sailed from Bristol on her maiden voyage across the Atlantic to New York,

King Zog of Albania abdicated. The League of Nations held its final meeting, 1946. In Kenya, Jomo Kenyatta was convicted for his involvement with

the Mau-Mau, 1953.

Winston Churchill Fellowships

The following have been awarded Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Travelling Fellowships for 1999 (the list gives name, home town, age, occupation, place of travel and purposel:

travel and purpose;

Mrs Loraine Ashton, Southsea, So, programme manager, Health Education
Authority. US and Australia, Health
promotion strategies for the over 50s,
Mr Timustry Austin, Lee on Solent, So,
managing director, US, Improving integraved business support for newly created
businesses.

grand business support for newly created businesses. Mrs Islay Auty. Hallow, 47, riding instructor. Germany and Sweden, The trauning and development of junior dressage riders. Dr Charles Batteson, Kendal, 44, principal tecturer in education, US, Recruiting and retaining schoolteachers in inner cry/multi cultural areas. Mr Andrew Beard, Sheffield, 50, City Archiacct, Sheffield, County Countil US and Japon, City centre regeneration through quality urban design. Mr Phillip Benzie, Ormskirk, 36, transport engineer. Blackpool Borough Council, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Finland, Design criteria for railway passenger/freight facilities. Mrs Valerie Besag, Newcastle upon Tyne.

incilities.

Mrs Valerie Besag, Newcastle opon Tyne,
St. tracher and educational psychologist,
Canada, US and Australia. A transitional
approach to student peer support systems,
Ms Christine Bevenden, London, 43,
project officer/freelance trainer, Australia,
Establishing bepatitis C support groups
in the community. in the community.

Dr Richard Bradshaw, Cambridge, 33, research scientist, Cambridge University.

US, The public understanding of animal welfare science.

Mr Mark Brundren. Betworth, 40, university lecturer in education manage-ment. US. Headteacher training and assessment. Miss Jessica Bryne-Daniel, Golcar, 35, landscape architecs, Japan and US, Urban

landscape architect. Japan and US. Urban design: people and spaces. Mrs Edna Carneron: Ergia. 49, college lecturer. Canada and US. Educational and training opportunities for women in rural areas.

Mr Peter Campbell. Lerwick. 48, head teacher. Norway and Finland, Teaching a second language to young children.

Ms Pauncia Carroll, Rambord. 44, deputy headescher, Australia, and US. Reading programmes in schools.

Mr Daniel Chadwick. Bolion, J. M. M., research student/assistant Buter. China. The urban morphological process in relation to highways.

Mrs Natibleet Cherry, Kelso. 49, HML of

relation to highways.

Mrs Kathleen Cherry, Kelso. 49, HMI of schools, Scottish Office, Norway/Sweden. stralia. Effective leadership in pre Australia, Eucone sectors established education.
The Rev Arthur Creber, Newcasile under Lyme, 53, clergyman, Canada and US, The Church's response to an agoing

the Churchs response to an ageng population.

Miss Sophia Curulingham, Denbigh, 25, freelance journalist, Central As and Chuna. The Sills Boad equadrition.

Mr John Darbyshire, Lanstik, 36, country-side ranger, Poland and Russia, Badger welfare and legislation.

Dr Karen Darto, Banchory, 27, geologist.

Nepal and Tibet, First hand cycle traverse of the Friendshup Highway.

Mr Mathew Dart, Emdort, 41, woodwind Instrument maker, Germany, Austrus, Belgium and Holland, 18th-century bassoons.

Belgium and Holland. 18th-century bas-soons.

Mr Kim Dent-Brown. Heaste, 40, drama therapist, Israel. Storymaking - a thera-peutic tool in mental health.

Mr Michael Denton Barresley, 27, re-search student. US. Investigations and modelling of rear-earth space weather. Mr Samurr Dickson. Carrickfergus, 47, senior industrial relations officer, US. Best practige in enter prise. development. Ms Kilsa Dison. London. 25, student/emer-prise co-ordinator. Nepal and Bolivia. Evaluation of social enterprises. Mr Pat Donnelly. Belfast, 45, chief executive, Proteus. US and Australia, An

Ms Milly Doregos, Manchester, 45. Ms Meta Evans, Lochwinnoch, 41 infor-mation & training officer, US. The education and training of head litiury rehabilitation workers.

Ms Floria Ferguson, Exeter, 49, mental Health self-advocacy worker, US, Tele-mental health services in rural communi-Mr William Fernie, Wick, 49, voluntee bureau development, Highland voluntee development, Agency, US, Opportunities for the disadvantaged in small husines

development, Agency, US, Opportunities for the disadvantaged in small business creation.

Ms Susan Fletcher, Deganwy, 24, leisure support officer, Belgium, Austria, France and Spain, European development funding for local communities.

Ms Heather Floyd, Belfast, 36, education manager, France, Switzerland and Italy, Community Senivals, Sees, felle and festivals a contribution.

Mr William Forbes, Perth, 57, publications manager, Scottish Natural Heritage, localed and Fairoe Islands, Defining local distinctiveness is town and country.

Mr Philip Friend, Haffield, 43, disability consultant, US, The impact of disability legislation on small businesses.

Mr Stephen Friend, York, 51, university lecturer, Canada and US, Maritime missions: Contemporary developments: archival preservation and accessibility.

Miss Sara Gadd, Brighton, 27, lecturer in photography, Western Samoa, A historical photography project.

Mr Michael Gardner, Crediton, 30, woodland skills training Coordinator, US and Canada, Sustainable forest products from isolated rural communities.

Mr Jonathan Gillscoie-Payne, Parnbam,

from isolated rural communities. Mr Jonathan Gillespie-Payne, Farnha

34, self-employed expedition manager and leadership trainer, Chile and Poru, In the footstens of the historic ship Yavari. Mrs Mary Gleeson. Launceston, 53. business advisor, Australia and New Zealand, Rural area job/wealth creation through E.

Zeakind, Rural area job/wealth preation through IT.

Dr Gillian Giegg, near hybridge, 36, university lecturer, Netherlands, Portugal and US, Wasse water pollution control. Dr Alan Goodali, Gaspow, 99, director of audio visual media services. US and Australia. Creating virtual environments for education and truiring.

Mr Bryn Green, Arthord, 57, emeritus professor. New Zealand and Australia. Alternative approaches to promoting country-ade management in farming. Mrs Simure-Griffin, Telburd, 36, none-disabled (riteurnatoid arthritis), Italy, Creating a rewarding future as a disabled role model. role model. Mr Dids Halake, London, 42, teacher/ler-

turer. Kerrya, Society, education and inner harer, Kenya, Society, aducation and inner city minorities.

Mr. Higel, Harling, Penrith, 29, police officer, Spitchergen, Canoeing expedition: '80 degrees touth'.

Ms. Wendy, Hitchmough, Lewes, 39, architectural historian, Finland, Sweden, Germany, France, Belgium and US, Artists' Houses c. 1900.

Ms. Sarath Hocombe, London, 35, acti-em-ployed artist, Italy, The research and development of contemporary fresco tech-niques.

Mr John Hopkins, London, 44. landscape

nuques. Mr John Hopkins, London, 44. landscape architect/urban designer. U.S. Urban space form, funding and function. Mr Mark Howard, Bicester, 30, self-employed latrner, Belgium, Germany and U.S. Defining the function of faroung in rural communities. Mr Geoffrey Hughes, Usk, 48, prisons inspector. Finland, Sweden and Denmark, Prison inspections. Mr Christopher Hughes, London, 24, PhD student, Germany, Development of immunotherapy for the treatment of leukaemia. Mr Laurence Hunt, Exerc. 35, school teacher, US, Sharing the best aspects of inter-city regeneration. Mr Igubal Hyare, Coventry, 41, co-ordinator of research & development: edinicity & culture, India and Paleistan, Community

bases acuteurs rebases acuteur fores. Commarion, 37. chief
executive of a charity. Us. Welsh and
American communities re-discover John
Evans' exploration (1795-97).
Mr Gary Kass, Wolsing, 34. advisor environment and emergy parliamentary
office. US and Dermark, Issues in science
and echnology - informing parliamentari-

arts.

Ms Jennifer Kavanagh, London, S.,
community worker, Bangladesh, Foland
and France, The practical application of
micro-credit.

Ms Dalbinder Kular, Sheffield, 30. Child
Propertion Social Worker, US and India,
Developing multi-cultural approaches to
adventure education. adventure education.

Mr Kenneth Lacitum, Bonnyrigg, 36, chartered clusted, psychologist/lecturer, US, Skills enhancement in psychological treasments for other adults.

Dr Fhillp Loe, Langennech, 29, research officer, US, Sustainable mountain bike

trails.

Mr David Lindsay, Wallasey, 46, BT Ist lane manager, Netherlands. The world transplant games.

Mr Neth Long, Oxford, 44, university sechnician, US, The teaching of practical physics skills to undergraduates.

Ms Catherine Lucktaylor, Brighton, 30, freelance community artist, Mali, Nigeria, Citzara and Brazil, The evolution of displaced African culture.

Mr Serven, Macdonald, Worcester, 26, regional manager (for charity), Australia.

Mr Streen Macconald, Worresser, 20.
regional manager (for charity, Australia, Hot footing to the Millennium, Adelside to Darwine in the footings of Charles Start.

Dy Dawn Male, London, 45, university fecturer, US, The inclusion of pupils with profound learning difficulties.

Miss Rill Metheringha, St Albans, 28, sechnical officer, China, US and Israel, Disposal of day-old chicks - the way forward.

Miss All Metheringna, St Albans, 25, sechnical officer, China, US and Israel, Disposal of day-old chicks - the way forward.

Mr David Millar, Belfast, 44, chief executive, Canada and US. The impact on small business growth of community economic development.

Mrs Carol Milton, Dundee, 44, customer assistant, New Zealand, The age issue-burden or challenge for disabled older people.

burden or challenge for disabled older people.

Mr S G Pete Moore, Hull, 27, youth justice Officer, New Zealand, Adventurous training for young offenders.

Mrs Julie Newman, London, 26, support teacher and course organiser. Canada, Early assessment and intervention — a comparative autism study.

Mr Graham Noble, Kings Lymn, 47, engineering services manager, US and Canada, Improving condutions for poultry during transportation.

Mrs Georgina Norman, Steaford, 75, regional co-ordinator, US, Patient care services for the elderly.

Ms.Jane Owens, Britanghara, 39, Europe-

Ms.Jane Owens, Brimingham, 39, Europe-an resource centre for schools and colleges manager. France. Finland and Jeeland, Educational project the Euro. Dr. Obaire Paisley, Penarch, 33, senior research officer. Canada. Community health development and evaluation.

research officer, Canada, Community health development and evaluation. Mr Stephen Payne, Chelmsfurd, 46, advanced products Manager, Jupan, US, Switzerfand and Cermany, Benehmark study of high resolution printed witing technology. Mr Chris Found, Bath, 53, architect/town planner, Europe, Urban design and presentation of herlings eities. Mr Carl Presson, near Rochdale, 42 livement driller, Australia, The enhancement of British drilling technology, Mr Graham Probert, Ragian, 31, scil-employed farmer, US and France, Rural business enterprises.

Professor John Ramsden, London, 50, university teacher, New Zealand, The post Professor John Ramsden, London, 50, university teacher, New Zealand. The post war reputation of Sir Wirston Churchill. Ms Elsa Redwood, London, 54, project manager, North London Business Development Agency, US, Expanded visias -making an early retirement fulfilling. Mrs Pat Robinson, Ripley, 42, clinical psychologies, US, Ways loweard challenging behaviour and learning distabilities. Mr Richard Rowland, South Molton, 48, vestrioury surreena, Australia, Welfare

Mr Robin Ruddock, Portrustt, 42, assist-ant warden, Argentura, Coastal kayaking and warden, Argentina, and the environment.

Ms Jay Rutovitz, Todmorden, 43, energy and conservation coordinator, Holland, Switzerland, Sweden and Camada, Zero and Camada, Zero communities and

buildings, Ms Anna Sansom, Edinburgh, 25, re-search occupational therapist. Australia. Hospital discharge planning for people

Hopptia discrizing planning with strokes.

Mr Athelston Sealey, Birmingham, 41, self-employed entrepreneur, U.S. Strategies for developing sustainable minority-owned enterprises.

Miss Linus Selveright, Cupar, 25, senior ranger. New Zealand, Animal welfare implications of national park development.

implications of national park development.

Ms Deborah Shaw, Horfey, 42 research scientist, Medical Toxicology Unit. Australia, Chinese herbal medicine - efficacy and safety in practice.

Mr Sandy Stater, Fort William, 44, management consultant, Norwey and Ireland, Best practice support for small businesses in rural areas.

The Rev Willy Slavin, Glasgow, 58, hospital cheplain, Chartered Psychologist, US and Canada, Care of immune system in later years.

Miss Sarah Smith, London, 37, achools library services horarian, US, Schools library services, Mrs Jean Stogdon, London, 70, guardian ad Incen goarel, US, Grandparents - their value to children, families and community.

ty.

Mr Halvor Tasker, Ossett, 65. wood finisher, France, Wood finishing and restorative techniques.

Mr Lesley Thomson, Glasgow, 30, educational psychologist. Germany, Early literacy skills teaching.

Mrs Selina Tipping, Blackpool, 43, information systems officer, Singapore, Universal internet access.

Mrs Selina Tipping, Blackpool, 43, information systems officer, Singapore, Universal internet access.

Ms Vivian Toner, St. Davids, 45, organic choese maker, Holland, Denmark and Sweden, Organic horming, Miss Emme Tregear, Walberson, 24, administrative assistant, Canada or Australia, Care of repilles.

Mr Barrie Trevena, Heiston, 42, environmatal health officer, Canada and US, Investigating associations between E.coli OISI Infection and animal contact.

Mr Andrew Trotter, Castle Douglas, 27, chief Impector at an Outstoor Centre, US, Residential contres for drug/alcohol dependents.

hr Gordon Wallace, Linlithgow, 56, director - training and emerprise. US, Social inclusion through growth of entrepreneurial small businesses.

es.
Miss Anna Wells, Kingston, 16, 6th form student, Canada, New perspectives on BSE.
Dr Deborah Wells, Belfast, 27, post BSE. De Deborah Wells, Belfast, 37, post doctoral research fellow, US, The welfare of rescue-sheltered does. Mr Keith Wells, Maghull, 51, deputy headreacher, US, Improving self esteem and personal effectiveness in the young. Ms Sue Wild, Caleshead, 38, trainer and adventure instructor, Nepal, Adventure for disadvantaged young women. Mrs Maria Williams, Ceephilly, 25, software engineer: programmer, US,

Mrs Maria Williams, Coephilly, 25, software engineer; programmer, US, Climbing of El Capitan; les British The Rev Bruce Harrison, Vicar, cumourg of El Capitan: tat British tooman.

Miss Catherine Whitler, Cardiff, 34, printary schools programme manager, Australia, Science Centres as a resource for primary schools.

Mr Alam Wolmski, Leeds, 45, regional manager, US, The link between animal cruelty and human violence.

His Honour John Herbert Wroath. Cowes, 66, retired Judge, Australia, The transportation of child criminals.

Ms Barbara Yaies, Cartisle, 48, health and fitness development officer, US, Physical activity challenges for the older age group.

Joydens Wood St Barnabas (Ro-chester): to be Priest-in-Charge, Rosherville St Mark (same dio-The Rev Victor Howlest, Curate,

Mrs David Victoria (Victoria daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Shaw, of Edgware, Middlese Mr CJ. Dutton and Miss A.J. Musson The engagement is announced between Christopher John, elder

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between Richard, son of Mr and

Mrs David Chiesman

Mr R.W.G. Chiesman

and Miss V.J.L. Shaw

son of Mr and Mrs Robert Dunon, of Maidstone, Kent, and Annabel Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Musson, of Toronic Canada.

Mr M.C.L. Parkinson and Miss C.V. McKeown The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Wing Commander and Mrs Richard Parkinson, of Felixstowe, Suffolk and Clare, second daughter of-Brigadier and Mrs John McKenen of Cawood. North Yorkshire.

Mr A.G. Sandars and Miss V.J. Nelson The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Colonel and Mrs Hugh Sandars, of Micheldever, Hampshire, and Victoria, younger daughter of Mr, and Mrs David Nelson, of Old Gledstone, near Skipton, North

Yorkshire. Mr M M. Simon and Miss E.S. Crayson The engagement is announced between Mathew, son of Mr and "

Mrs Timothy Simon, and Emma, younger daughter of Mrs Susai Crayson. Mr W.N. Stenning and Miss D.R. Lloyd

The forthcoming marriage is announced and will take place on June 12, 1999, at St Stephens, Sparsholt, Winchester, between William Stenning and Denise Lloyd. Mr R.G.S. Woods

and Miss LS.K. Maxwell The engagement is announced between Robert, youngest son of the late Major Tom Woods and of Mrs Patricia Woods, of Poyntingion, Dorset, and Lorna, only daughter of the Hon Simon and Mrs. Maxwell, of Westcote, Oxfordshire

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Richard Amys, Rector, Gravesend Holy Family w Ifield (Rochester): to be Priest-in-Charge, Eastington and Frocester, and Standish w Haresfield and Moreton Valence w Whitminster The Rev Martin Burnell, Curate,

Canterbury St Mary Bredin (Canterbury): to be Vicar, Cranbrook (same diocese). The Rev Judith Carpenter, Curate,

Warmley, Syston and Bitton (Bristol): to be Vicar, Withywood (same The Rev Stuart Dvas. Vicar.

Nottingham St Jude (Southwell): to be Vicar, Long Eason St John (Derby). The Rev David Eady, NSM,

Stration, North Cerocy, Baunton and Bagendon with special responsibility for North Cerney ar Bagendon (Gloucester): to be NSM Priest-in-Charge, Swindon w Uck-ingson and Elmstone Hardwicke (House for duty) (same diocese). Canon James Harkins SSC, Chaptain, Venice St George, Italy (Europe): to be Priest-in-Charge, Menton St John, France (same

Glaisdale (York): has been appointed Rector, Brotton Parva (same The Rev David Horton, Vicar,

Greater Corsham (Bristol): to be Vicar, Wick w Doynton and Dyrham (same diocese). The Rev Peter Swales, Priest-ip-

Charge, Horsley St Clement (Derby): to be Vicar, Heckmondwike, (Wakefield). The Rev Justyn Terry, Curate Paddington St John the Evangelist

w St Michael (London): to be Vicar. Kensington St Helen w Holy Trinity (same diocese). The Rev Andrew Tyler, Priest-inwich): to be Priest-in-Charge, Norwich Over-the-Water St Mary. Magdalene (same diocese).

The Rev Peter Watkins, Vicar, " Voision and Church Lawford, and Rural Dean of Rugby (Coventry): has been appointed Vicar, Finham of Martin in the Fields (same diocese). The Rev Brian Williams, part-time and temporary Assistant chaplain. Sandwell Healthcare NHS Trust.

and NSM, Lichfield St Chad to continue as NSM, Lichfield St. 2 Chad (same diocese). The Rev Richard Williams, Vicar, Alverston (Coventry): to be Rural Dean of Fosse (same diocese). The Rev Dave Wills, Assistant

Curate. Chadwell St Mary (Chelmsford): has been appointed Priest-in-Charge, Darlaston Single Lawrence, and Curate, Darlaston All Saints (Lichfield). Retirements and resignations
The Rev David Hewitt. Homerton

St Luke (London) to retire July 9. The Rev Gerry Stevenson, Assistant Chaptain, HMP Wormwood Scrubs (London) retired January I. 17 The Rev Alan Torry, Vicar, Gulval and Marazion (Truro) retired January 25. The Rev Michael Waters, NSM

Priest-in-Charge, Etton w Dalton Holme (York) retired March 14.

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BIRTHS

MELJER - On 3rd April 1999

Wouter, a son, Thomas Peter.

reter.
SIMPSON - On March 30th
1999, to Clare thee
Harland) and lan, s
daughter, Annabel Marina
a sister for George.

SOUTH - On 29th March 1999, to Nicola (née Ellis)

and Jeremy, a son. Oliver

Thomas.
TARRAMT - On 18th March
1999 at King's College
Hospital, to Adole Louise
inée Robertson: and
Stephen Lloyd, a son,
Joshua Lloyd.

ANNIVERSARIES

MATTINSON:HORMABROOK -Guthrie and Dorothy, now residont in Cornwall, celebrate 60 years of marriage today Congratulations from all friends and family.

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Cynthia at St George's

Church Baghdad on 8th

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BOND - On 2nd April 1999 In Oxford, to Sarah (née Collyer) and Kingsmill, a splendid son, Oscar La

COVELL - On 31st March 1999, to Camilla (née Alison) and Andrew, a daughter, Imogen Cicely. s sister for Olivia.

CURTIS - On April 3rd at The Portland Hospital, to Caroline Inter Farrant) and Simon, a son, Sebastian, a brother for Humphrey.

31st at The Royal Free Hospital, to Sarah and Jonathan, a daughter, Rosamund Ysolda, a sister

KERNER - On 27th March at Gioneagles Hospital in Singapore, to Sarah inéo Loishman) and Clive, a daughter, Cordelia Frederick and Emily

to Caroline (nee Searle) and Cilos, a daughte Ben and Lucy. McCORMICK - On April 2nd 1999, to Mikala (née Molbech) and Michael, a

daughter, Molly Katherine, sister to

KING - On March 20th 1999

ANGLIN - Eric, retired Diplomat and Company Director of Aberdeen Sea

DEATHS

Products, died of cancer Easter Sunday 4th April 1999. To place death notices, acknowledgements

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Wulfran's Church, Greenways, Ovingdean, on Monday April 12th, at 3.30pm. Family flowers only please, if desired, donations for The Martlets Hospice may be sent to Christopher Stringer Funeral Services, 67, High Street, Rattingdean, Exet Street, Rottingdean, East Sussex, BN2 7HE, Tel: 01273-306000.

BIRCHENOUGH - On 4th April, peace/fully in the Conquest Hospital, Hastings, Humphrey Peter, aged 82. Dear lather of Jane and the late Charles and steplather to Jeremy and a dearly loved grandiather. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Northlam, nr. Rye on Friday, 16th April at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, payable to Cancer Research c/o J Perigos & Son, Bank Street. Cranbrook, Kent. TN17 3EF. Tel: 01580 713636.

BOURKE BORROWES -Elisabeth Betty' (née Burgess and formerly married to R.N. Burton), married to R.N. Burton), died aged 93 on March 30th Much loved by her sons Richard and Kildara and hor five grandchildren. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium, Friday 9th April at L30. Family and close friends only. or notices please call

DEATHS

BARCLAY - Ivor of
Ovingdean. On April 1st.
1999, passed away
pescefully in hospital,
aged 76 years. Very much
loved husband of
Elisabeth, dearly loved
father of Christopher and
Flona, and dear grandad
of Oliver and Robert,
Funeral Service at St
Wulfran's Church.
Greenways, Ovingdean, on

BOYD - John Malcolm on April 2nd aged 84, much loved husband of Clé and father of Nicholas. Matthew and Simon. Private inneral to be followed by a memorial service on Thursday April 15th at 2.30 pm at St. Peter's Church, Draycott, near Cheddar, Somerset.

BRAIN - Lt-Col. Roundd
Thompson. MC. Royal
Engineers, peacafully on
5th April 1999, in his 90th
year. For over 60 years
devoted husband of the
late Christabel (Wheatley)
Funeral Service at 5t
10hn's Ladbroke Grave,
London Wil. on Tuesday
13th April at 1 pm.
followed by cramation.
Flowers to H.I. Best, 343
Ladbroke Grave, Will
6HA, or donations, if
desired, to King Edward
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desired, to King Edward GHA. or donations, if destred, to King Edward VII Hospital for Officers. I Bentinck Street, London WIM 5RN.

UNCH - Katherine Louise BUNCH - Katherine Louise Staunton on Easter Sunday 4th April after a brief illness aged 93, of Sherborne, Dorset, Dearly loved sunt, great-aunt and good friend. Service Cartleton Church, Sherborne, Friday April 9th at 230 pm. Flowers or donations if desired for Y.W.C.A. 4'd Easons Fungaril Director

CROSSLEY - Anna Audrey peacefully at Lymington Hospital on April 2nd aged 36. Memorial Service at All Saints Church. Dibden at 10.30 am Monday 19th April Flowers or if whited donations to the R.N.L.I. Funeral Director: R. Hallam, Holbury. Southampton SO45 2PA.

DAY - R. Anne (née Arnold)
peacefully on Easter
Sunday April 4th 1999
aged 88 at Little Court
Nursing Home.
Speldhurst, Beloved wife
of the inte Geolfrey M.
Day of Maidstone, Sutton
Valence and Lenham, Kent
and adored mother of
Felicity, Peter, Susan and
Timothy and devoted
grandmother, Feneral
Service at Charing
Crematorium Tuesday
13th April at 2 pm. Family
flowers only please.
Donations if desired to
Imperial Cancer Research Imperial Cancer Research
Fund via Hickmott & Son
41 Grove Hill Road,
Tunbridge Wells TN1
ISD.

MY - K. Anne (née Arnold

DOREY - Sheila Margaret Inée Rounthwaite, dearly loved wife of Michael and mother of Helez and Hugh and a much loved granny, died pescefully at home on 5th April after a long tilness borne with great atta April atter 3 iong
tilness borne with great
courage. Funeral at All
Hallows' Church. Hemahara
on Monday 12th April at
10.30 am. followed by
private cremation. Family
Ilowers only. Donations to
Leuksemia Research.

EVANS - On 4th April at Hasiemare John Winston, hasiemare John Winston, hasband of the late lingeborg. Formerly of F.A.O. Rome, No flowers please. Enquiries to G.M. Luff & Partners Ltd. 401428 543524.

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HAWKINS - Sir Howard
Caesar, Bt. Peacefully in
hospital in Cape Town on
2nd April, aged 42 years.
A much leved son, brother
and apole who will be
dearly missed by his lowing
lamily and all who know
him. A Memorial Service
will be held at The Church
of the Izamsculate
Conception, Johannesbury To place death notices,

ROWERS - Michael Henry. lover of He and challenge, on April 3rd. aged 87, peacefully at home after an illness fought with characteristic courage and determination. Beloved husband of Jean and adored father of Louise and Minn and dearly loved grandpe of Barley. A Service of Thankagiving will be held at 8t Mary Magdalene Church, Stoke Bishop, at 12 aoon on Wednesday, 14th April followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but any donations in his memory, may be sent to Macmilian Nurses c/o Co-aperative Pumeral Services, 20 High Street, Westbury on Tryns.

REAFELL - Vladimir died 8th April 1999, aged 79, after a long illness. Husband of Rachel, father

of Ana and David, Funera

IONNISTONE - Major Hubert
Ian Noel Hope on March
3ist, peacefully in
hospital, aged 84. Much
loved father of Robin and
Rosanna and grandfather
of Clars and Oliver.
Beloved husband of
Elizabeth Family only
cremation. Thanksgiving
Service will be held on
29th April at St John the
Evangolist, Sutton Veny,
Warminster. Wiltshire at
4 pm. No flowers please.
Donations if desired, to
Ex-Services Mental
Welfare Society,
Broadway, London SW19
1RL.

KELSALI - Colonel John
Michael 1 rund) late R.C.T.
on Monday 28th March
1899 after a long libess.
Much loved huaband and
vary special friend of Jean,
brother of Barbara.
Peneral Service on
Monday 12th April at Holy
Trinity Church. Greys Hill,
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James, Simon and
Christopher, and revered
and amusing friend to
many generations. A
whort's service will be held
at Hereford Crematorium
at 2 pm on Thursday April
15th. Details of a service of
thanksgiving, to be held at
Benendon, Kont, in June,
will be announced later.

PECK - Bob died after a long illness on April 4th aged 53. He will be sadly missed 53. He will be sadly missed by his wife Jill and children Hannab, George and Milly. The funeral service will take place at St John's Church, Speacer Hill, Wimbledon on Wednesday 14th April at 11 am. followed by private cremation. No flowers but donations if desired to Magic Bullet Fund c/o F.W. Paine. 29 Coombe Road, Norbiton, Kingstonupon-Thames, Surrey K72 7AY, tel: (0181) 546-4813.

PERCE - Col. Thomas A.

(R.W.F.), of Lon-y-Llan,
Valley, Anglesey, beloved
husband of the late Enid, Valley, Angiesey, beloved husband of the late Enid, died on April 8th after a short illness, stoically borns. His love, friendship, integrity and humour will be greatly missed by all his family and his many friends but most especially by his sons, Howard and lanto, their wives Gillian and Reidun, his grandchildren Huw, Tristan, Ingrid and Ewan. grandchildren Huw, Tristan, Ingrid and Ewan, his sisters Jessie and Efrys, his brother William, his sister-in-law Mons and brother-in-law David and his mater and

brother-in-law David and his many nieces and nephews. The funeral service will be held at Si Mihangal yn Nhowyn (The Church at R.A.F. Valley) on Monday 12th April at 12 mid-day followed by a private cremation. Donations in lieu of flowers gratefully received towards the fund for the maintenance of St Mary's Churchyard at Llanfairneubwil per Griffith Roberts & Son, Praswylfa, Valley, Anglosey, LL65 3E A.

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Bob Peck, actor. died of cancer on April 4 aged 53. He was born on , August 23, 1945.

highly adaptable and accomplished actor/ Bob Peck was well known to audiences at both the Royal Shakespeare Company and the National Theatre, and had appeared in many films and television dramas, often of a socialycommitted kind. As he said when he played Tom Paine at the Donmar Warehouse in 1989: "Ir's nice to be able to sympathise with what you're having to say."

He had acted in Pinter, Ayckbourn and Chekhov, played lago at Stratford, and appeared in more than 20 television parts, and in 1993 the came to international attention when he appeared in the dinosaur movie Jurassic Park/Particularly after his success in the television drama Edge of Parkness, he tended to be cast in cour, introspecgive parts, but he also enjoyed comedy when the chance arose.

The son of a Yorkshire insurance man and the second of three brothers, Bob Peck did a diploma at Leeds College of Art and was a keen amateur actor, but not initialy sure what career to follow. He had been with the National Youth Thearre in London as a teenager, but loathed it. He was painting senery when he was offered his first acting jobby Alan Ayckbourn in Scarborough: Mr Whatnot in Mr Whatnot.

Several years of touring in rep-followed, unil he finally auditioned for a David Storey play at

the Royal Court. After that, he did a short stint in Birmingham before joining the RSC in 1975.

There he began by playing Malvolio on regional tour; he would eventually go on to play Macbeth, Caliban and Edward Bond's Lear in a single season. "By the time I got to Enobarbus," he recalled, "I was so tired I kept falling asleep during the rehearsals." Along the way he had a part in the RSC's enormously successful Nicholas Nickleby and in the subsequent film.

Rather reticent and more shy about his feelings than many in his profession, he was occasionally known as "Pause Peck" because of his Yorkshire silences. He was respected as a good company actor, however, and was given parts by most of the RSC directors, including Ronald Eyre, Howard Davies, Barry Kyle, John Caird, Adrian Noble and Bill Alexander.

Peck's time at the RSC coincided with the best years of Trevor Nunn's regime, and the two men enjoyed a productive relationship, but working for the company meant that Peck never came home before 11.30 at night, and with young children he was ready for a change by the time he left in 1984. He did not have to wait long for a

major television success. In the 1985 thriller series Edge of Darkness, about the threat of nuclear pollution, Peck played a detective who penetrates a secret underground reactor while searching for the true cause of his daughter's death. Tall and good looking, with a certain quizzical seriousness. Peck was well suited to play the part of the family man caught up in a plot or a **BOB PECK**



Peck in 1985, the year that Edge of Darkness made him a television star - of a rather forbidding kind

disaster, and the makers of such grim dramas were to turn to him again and again.

Much of the action of the series, which boasted music by Eric Clapton, was filmed in a cavernous disused mine in Wales which had been used to store works of art during the war. "We spent three weeks in the depths of the earth without seeing any daylight," Peck said. The conditions were far from

ideal for filming — with rats running around, water dripping down the walls and fears that the shoot-out scenes might bring down the roof — but Peck came away with a great regard for the miners who had hewn eeric caverns the size of St Paul's by brute force.
At the Bafta awards, Edge of

Darkness was voted Best Drama Serial of the Year, with Peck as Best Actor, and after the Chernobyl disaster, it was shown in Greece, Sweden and Denmark, Convinced of the dangers that the series had highlighted. Peck subsequently became involved in anti-nuclear pressure groups.

There were occasional gaps in his schedule — at one time he was recording voiceovers for BP, British Gas, British Steel and the Coal Board - but generally he was able to choose the kind of cerebral,

challenging work he enjoyed. This included a television drama about the first days of the Falklands conflict, An Ungentlemanly Act. which was largely filmed on the islands, and Who Bombed Birmingham?, about the Birmingham Six. Other work included The Taming of the Shrew for Radio 3.

By 1987 he was as busy as any actor could wish, and appearing in a host of different media. That year he appeared on television in Simon Gray's black comedy After Pilking-ton, in the film of Bruce Chatwin's On the Black Hill, in Alan Ayckbourn's National Theatre hit A Chorus of Disapproval, and in his first commercial West End production, Ronald Harwood's J. J. Farr at the Phoenix Theatre with Albert Finney.

During the making of On the Black Hill, Peck had to learn various pastoral tasks, such as ploughing, and was also required to throw himself in front of a wild horse to be kicked to death - but the animal would not co-operate, and eventually Peck had to be disposed of by other means. "I've worked with them all," he said, "dogs, sheep, horses, amateurs, first-time directors..."

Directors liked him, not least for his patience when a scene had to be shot repeatedly. Robert Young, for instance, paid tribute to his "amazing ability to reproduce what appear to be spontaneous moments

again and again without effort". In 1989 Peck played in Arthur Miller's short new theatre piece Two-Way Mirror at the Young Vic. where David Thacker had so impressed the American playwright, and the following year he was there again as Walter in Miller's The Price (1968).

Also at the end of the 1980s he was to be seen in the BBC's One Way Out, playing an architect whose ex-wife is attacked in front of their children, moving him to vengeance. Shortly beforehand, Peck's own wife, Jill Baker, had starred in a drama about mistreatment of children, and the couple were characteristically affected by the parts they played,

Further television work followed. including the psychological thriller Children Crossing and a play about the Romanian Revolution. with Bernard Hill. In 1992 Peck played an advertising executive trying to find the killer of his former girlfriend in David Pirie's three-part thriller Natural Lies, a controversial and polemical piece about the danger of BSE spreading

to human beings.
In 1995 Peck's performance as Rutherford in Githa Sowerby's Rutherford and Son at the Nation-Theatre was nominated for a Laurence Olivier Award. Last year he had a part in a radio play by Howard Brenton about Suez, with Alec McCowen and Trevor Peacock, and was seen on television in the unpleasant tale of rural perver-sion The Scold's Bridle.

Bob Peck's cancer was diagnosed several years ago, just before he was due to fly to Australia to act the part of a cancer specialist in Children of the Dragon. He had surgery and did not work for several months. He is survived by his wife and by their son and two

WILLIAM PLEETH

William Pleth, cellist, died on April 6 aged 83. He was born on lanuary 12, 1916.

WILLIAM PLEETH was one of Britain's finest cellists. whose rerown as a teacher was spread even wider through his most celebrated pupil, Jacqueline du Pré. She was sent to study with him when the was ten, and her progress was such that she won the Suggia Gift in the next year and a year later still, at Pleah's recommendation. male her first public appearane with a brilliant performusce of Lab's Cello Concerto the Guildhall School of Ausic under Norman Del

Some film from later in her areer shows teacher and upil in ducts, with Pleeth cappily setting and following xample, the music passing etween them as a creative onversation. She liked to efer to him as her "cello laddy". He was much less tappy when it was falsely lieged that he had coached he actress for the recent film lilary and Jackie, from which he sharply dissociated

Pleeth was a major artist in is own right, whose career aight have gone turther and igher with a greater drive of ploistic ambition As it was. -e became best known as a hamber musician. Born in ondon, he studied from the ge of seven at the London cademy and London Cello chool. He then went to eipzig to Julius Elengel, a dry nist but a skilled and responve teacher whose pupils had



William Pleeth with his pupil Jacqueline du Pré

his debut there with the Gewandhaus Orchestra in 1932 in Haydn's concerto, then his British debut at the Grotrian Hall in London in the following year.

His vigorous and impassioned musicianship (well matched to the strong, warm tone he drew from his 1732 Stradivarius) quickly brought him to public attention, both as a soloist for whom various composers were happy to write works and as a sonata player. He toured internationally and his recordings include much admired performances of sonatas by Brahms, Mendelssohn and Grieg. In 1936 Pleeth joined the

included Suggia, Feuermann Blech Quartet, remaining with cellist of the Allegri Quartet from its foundation in 1953 until 1967. Members of both quartets considered him the finest chamber music cellist they had worked with, one who did not say much in rehearsal but who contributed immensely to their perform-

> He was also in demand by other quartets for works requiring an extra cello. With the Amadeus Quartet he frequently played Schubert's C major Quintet, in whose sublime Adagio the extra cello becomes something of a soloist in his own right, duetting with the first violin. Pleeth's artistry with the Amadeus leader,

Norbert Brainin, can be appreciated on their famous record of the work. It was their performance in a concert that inspired Jacqueline du Près mother to seek him out as a teacher for her daughter.

In 1948 Pleeth's qualities brought him as Professor of Cello and Chamber Music to the Guildhall School, where he remained for thirty years. His kindness to students was legendary, though this never meant any relaxing of standards, whether over matters of interpretation or with the subtle and selfless skills involved in chamber music. He was also expert as a director of masterclasses, in which his exuberant personality worked upon students by different means. Every student was to him an individual, with particular gifts to be brought out.

Pleeth's achievements were publicly recognised by his appointment as OBE in 1989. e regard in which he was held by his colleagues and by students of several generations was shown when a large gathering assembled at the Wigmore Hall in April 1996 for his 80th birthday. The concert included works by Mozart and Haydn, as well as Schubert's C major Quintet, in which the extra cellist was his son Anthony. It was a characteristic gesture that he should have donated proceeds from the concert to the Jacqueline du Pré memorial research

fund for multiple scierosis. His is survived by his wife Margaret Good, with whom he often performed, and by a daughter and a son, the cellist Anthony Pleeth.

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RED NORVO

Red Norvo, jazz musician, died on April 6 aged 91. He was born on March 31, 1908.

RED NORVO'S efforts established the xylophone — which had been regarded as little more than a vaudeville novelty instrument — as a distinc-tive voice in jazz. Along with Lionel Hampton, he also pioneered the more mellow tones of the vibraphone. A man of impeccable tastes, he won the respect of musicians as distinctive as Charles Mingus and Frank Sinatra.

Norvo's nickname derived from the bright red hair that he inherited from his Scottish ancestors. Born Kenneth Norville, he gained his new surname by mistake early in his career when a reviewer repeated a muster of ceremonies' error of pronunciation. Grateful for publicity of any kind, Narvo decided not to bother seeking a correction.

The son of a railway di er, he grew up in Beardstown on the Illinois River, and as a boy was captivated by the riverboat entertainers and dance bands that passed through. One formative experience was hearing the legendary cornet player Bix Beiderbecke with the saxophonist Frankie Trumbauer, Later, Norvo was to make a startling version of Beiderbecke's impressionistic piano study In a Mist.

Norvo also claimed to have heard Louis Armstrong for the first time on a riverboat. In his early teens he fell under the spell of the marimba, which he had heard being played in a theatre pit band. He took a labouring job on the railway to save up money to buy a xylophone, and taught himself the rudiments.

Vaudeville beckoned, but Norvo was eager to move on and took up a job with NBC in Chicago in 1929. It was while playing alongside the popular concert orchestra of Paul Whiteman — the self-styled "King of Jazz" - that Norvo met his future wife, the singer Mildred Bailey. They married in 1930.

By this stage Norvo was also playing the new-fangled vibra-HAREA-FLAT Lad. For a fast, or venious, puriousismal flat shi ing service (0171) 464 4133 phone (or vibraharp, as he preferred to call it), a variant on the xylophone with aluminium keys set above fan-driven resonating tubes to create a uller vibrato.

> He prided himself on not relying on mechanical en-

Red Norvo turned the vibraphone into a serious voice in the jazz firmament

melodic lines and forceful Dizzy Gillespie. Tracks such

Despite resembling a seaside postcard image of enormous wife and thin husband, Bailey and Norvo developed a profound musical understanding. and in the 1930s they were dubbed "Mr and Mrs Swing". Norvo's compact band was leading one of the most intelligent groups in the jazz world, providing a congenial home for the arranger Eddie Sauter, who went on to great success with

Benny Goodman and Stan Getz. Overshadowed by the raucous playing of bands such as Goodman's, however, Norvo failed to make a strong impression with the dance-crazy public. Bailey's worsening diabetes was another blow, curtailing her touring schedule.

Her temperamental makeup increasingly strained the marriage, and they divorced in 1943 though they remained friends until Bailey's prema-ture death in 1951. Unable to sustain his own band in a hostile economic environment. Norvo joined Benny Goodman's immaculate sextet in 1944, by which time he had switched almost entirely to the vibraphone. Unlike Goodman and most swing players, he was sympathetic to the angular new sounds of bebop fermenting in New York's clubs.

In 1945 he organised a ground-breaking recording session for the Cornet label, bringing together old-school musicians such as the pianist Teddy Wilson and the Young Turks Charlie Parker and striking blend of styles old and new. "Bird and Diz were dirty words for musicians of my generation," Norvo later explained. "But jazz had always gone through changes, and in 1945 we were in the middle of another one. Bird and Diz were saying new things in an exciting way. I had a free

hand, so I gambled." In the postwar years Norvo settled in California. His taste for challenges had drawn him to a subtle trio format, creating ethereal "chamber jazz". without drums or piano. The guitarist Tal Farlow played a key role in a group of three equals, and Norvo's talentspotting instincts were underlined when he recruited a young bassist, Charles Mingus, who went on to establish himself as arguably the most significant bandleader of the modern era.

Even Mingus was intimidated by the brisk tempos that Norvo laid down for his sidemen. The more reflective side of Norvo's music received ample exposure on a 1957 date, Just a Mood, with the tenor saxophonist Ben Webster and the trumpeter Harry Edison. The tracks were later reissued on an elegant RCA Bluebird disc, which also featured collaborations with reeds player Jimmy Giuffre and trumpeter Shorty Rogers.

Norvo's relationship with Rogers extended beyond the recording studio; in 1946 he had married Rogers's sister, Eve.

In 1939 Norvo had been one ciate the artistry of the young Frank Sinatra. He was in fact so impressed that he offered him a job. Sinatra, however, was already committed to a contract with the bandleader Harry James.

Sinatra remained an admirer of Norvo's style nevertheless. It was no coincidence that one of the best of the singer's early Capitol albums. Swing Easy, features a vibraphonebased backing group - or that Norvo's early sideman Bill Miller went on to serve as Sinatra's accompanist for some 40 years. In the 1950s Sinatra helped to find work for Norvo in Las Vegas and hired him for a sequence in the film Kings Go Forth.

The relationship came to fruition in a series of concerts in 1959. A recording of one performance, in Melbourne, Australia, was finally given an official release on a Blue Note disc in 1997. Despite the less than perfect sound quality, it fully justified claims that Norvo's immaculate quintet prompted some of the most relaxed and effervescent sing-ing Sinatra ever put on record.

Hopes of a reunion were dashed by scheduling problems. Norvo, though, remained active far into old age, venturing forth from his Santa Monica home for dates with Tal Farlow and other peers until a stroke ended his career.

Eve Rogers died in 1992. Norvo is survived by his daughter, Portia.

concentrating rather on weaving attractive

IT IS a frequent complaint of motorists who desire to park their cars in the centre of London either that they are unaware of the parking places approved by the police or that these parking places are altered without the general public being informed of the fact. The matter has been raised in the House of Commons by Captain Arthur Evans, MP. who was informed that the Commissioner's practice has been to notify the allocation of parking places to the Royal Automobile Club, the Automobile Association, and the principal business houses and clubs in the vicinity. Any withdrawal from the list is notified in the

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HURSTON - Minnie Audres - On 5th April 1999, in Reigate Aged 98 years. Widow of Maurice J. Thurston, Much loved aunt and friend. Funeral service on Thursday 15th April 11.30 am at Buckland Church follows by cremation at Surrey 4d Sussex Cremate Pamily flowers only, denations if desired to P.D.S.A. or Age Concern c/o Stoneman Funeral Service, Doran Court. Reigete Road, Redhill, RH1 6AZ.

WHITEOYCOTT. Alexander Hubert Peter of Newnham, Northants., died at home on 2nd April. The funeral service will lake place on Tuesday 13t make place on Treeday 13t.
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■ The United Nations led the condemnation yesterday of a midnight raid by Macedonian troops to evict 30,000 refugees from their makeshift camp on the border. There was further alarm as the Serbs suddenly closed their borders at Blace and Jazince, ordering thousands of ethnic Albanians back to their homes in Kosovo. Nato officers fear they will be now used as human shields against allied attacks...... Reports. pages 1, 49

Cameras stalk Serbs

Yugoslav troops and paramilitaries are being monitored by an array of Western surveillance technology in the sky. When they dare to venture out, it is just a question of time before Nato bombers arrive....

Human shields used

Consistently wrong-footing his Nato enemies. President Milosevic came up with a horrific new tactic: keeping Kosovo's remaining ethnic Albanians as human shields against Nato airstrikes on his armour and infantry rather than expelling them Page 7

Albright under fire

Madeleine Albright, the hawkish US Secretary of State, has come under heavy fire in the media for misreading President Milosevic and plunging America into a war in the Balkans without a clear idea of how to get out Page 8

Protest stamp issued

Yugoslavia has issued an anti-Nato stamp in a mark of protest at the Allied airstrikes against its towns and cities. The issue depicts a bull's eye which has become the logo of Serb demonstrators. Beneath it is written "target" and "Yugoslavia"

NEWS

Mardi Gra bomber faces long jail term

A 61-year-old man who waged a three-and-a-half-year campaign of terror across London and the Home Counties vesterday admitted he was the Mardi Gra bomber. Edgar Pearce faces a lengthy jail term after admitting that he tried to extort millions of pounds from Barclays Bank and Sainsbury's. Pearce, unemployed, planted a total of 36 explosive devices, the Old Bailey was told.

Contraception U-turn

The government has reversed policy on its advice on contraceptive pills, four years after its health warnings caused widespread panic among women and led to an estimated 30,000 abortions. The government said it "regretted" the abortions...

British tourist dies

A British schoolgirl has died in Australia while taking part in the increasingly popular adventure sport of canyoning, which involves hurtling along narrow river gorges and abseiling downPage 11

Mum donates liver

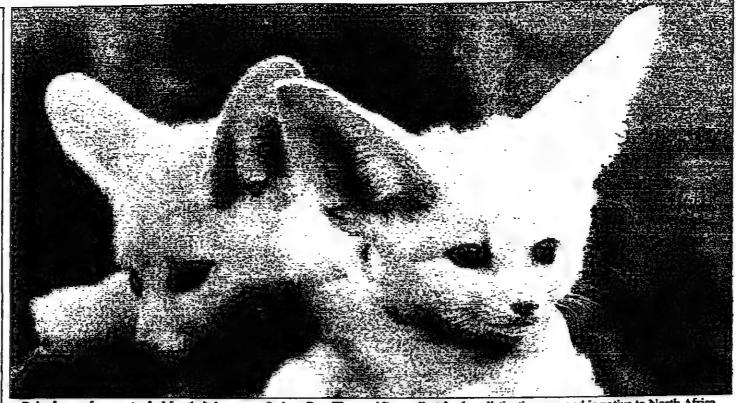
A 18-month-old baby saved by the donation of part of his mother's liver was doing well in hospital after a transplant that made British medical history. Luke Bettelley "is laughing and smiling and throwing his toys around," said his father David.

Women moving up

Women are gradually breaking into the male-dominated world of Asian business. There are now 16 women in the list of Britain's 200 richest Asians, according to an annual survey by Eastern Eye

'Minor' painting is a Gainsborough

A small painting that Christie's labelled as the work of a minor 19th-century artist, worth no more than £800, has been identified as a previously unknown landscape by Thomas Gainsborough worth at least £80,000. The 18th-century work was spotted by Angus Neill, of Felder Fine Art in London, who said: "I knew it was the best picture I'd ever seen in my life"...Page 16



Baby fennec foxes get a feel for their keeper at Sydney Zoo. The world's smallest fox has distinctive ears and is native to North Africa

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To will the end

This is a war that must be won and must be seen to be won. Convinced of this. Western publics await, with mounting impatience, a clearer articulation of what "winning" would look like and how Nato proposes to get there. There is no gain in politicians continuing to pretend that they are the only peo ple who have neither given, nor are prepared to give, thought to the Nato endgame ...

Yellow and bent

The European Union would be extremely unwiscto persist in a strug gle that is not in the interests of their consumers or of international commerce, or of the banana growers themselves....

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DAVID HART

A dangerous line of rgument is he ginning to emerge from the fog of the Balkans war. Some, mainly conservative commentators ... are arguing, directly or by implication, that Nato should not be atting agains President Milosevic.......Page 22

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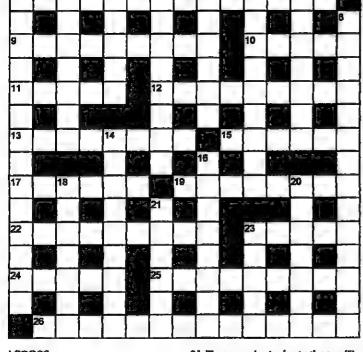
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■ MEDIA

☐ Today: east and South-East England will start thy with some hazy sunshine, but it will become increasingly cloudy with a growing threat of rain this afternoon. Wates and western England will be overcast with patchy light rain and some hill and coastal mist. The Midlands and North-East England will also have cloudy with or threats of will also have cloudy with or threats of mist, the misands and north-east engand will also turn cloudy with outbreaks of drizzle. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be breezy with a lot of cloud and outbreaks of heavier rain, although Northern Ireland should become drier this afternoon.

☐ Tonight: most parts of the country will remain cloudy and western coasts and hills will see some mist and drizzle but any heaver rain will become confined to the east and south-east and should ease off lotally by morning.

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SW England, Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man: overcast with light rain. Turning misty on coasts and hills. A light west to north-westerly wind Max temp 16C (61F).

☐ Central N, NE England: starting dry with some early suriny spells but soon clouding over with light rain breaking out. A light westerly wind. Max temp 15C (69F). Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: breezy and cloudy with rain, most of 4 fight. A freshening southwesterly wind. Max temp 14C (57F)

SW & NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: overcast and windy with spells of heavy rain and some fog on coasts and hills. A fresh to strong south-westerly wind. Max 13C (55F). Central Highlands: overcast with out-breaks of rain, some of them heavy. Foggy over the hills. A strong south-westerly wind. Max temp 11C (52F).

□ Northern Ireland: cloudy and breez with rain but becoming direr in the after-noon. A moderate south-westerly wind. Max temp 15C (59F).

CI Republic of Ireland: cloudy, misty start, with rain in places, becoming direr with bright intervals. Wind moderate, westerly or southwesterly. Max temp 16C (61F). Cutlook: southern parts will be mostly dry and warm lomorrow although the west of England and Wales will be cloudy with coastal log, and ram will break out in Scot-land and Northern Ireland On Saturday, the ram will synead southwards, leaving Soot-land and Northern Ireland with sunshine

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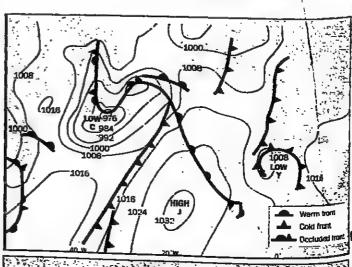
EDUCATION Girls are so far ahead in the academic battle of the sexes that boys have become an educational underclass

The story behind the BBC videotape smuggled out of Kosovo

ing up international confidence. A would go much further. The Sydney Morning Herald

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Rate hopes

drive FTSE

to fresh high

By Alasdair Murray, economics correspondent

close at \$1.5956. It also regained

some of the overnight losses suf-

fered against the euro, although

the single currency later held

European markets also en-

joyed a robust start to trading,

buoyed by hopes that the Euro-pean Central Bank will cut Euro-

pean rates after its policy meet-

ing today. Paris stocks pushed

to a year high at 4,318.04 but a

mixed performance on Wall

Street later took a toll on some

markets with shares in Frank-

British manufacturing out-

put fell by 0.1 per cent between

January and February leaving

the annual rate of decline at

1.4 per cent compared with 0.9

per cent in the previous

month. However, overall in-

dustrial production rose by 0.1

per cent over the month

The modest improvement in

the manufacturing sector's per-

formance was also supported

by a separate report from the

Engineering Employers' Fed-

eration, which confirmed the

pace of decline was easing.

However, Alan Armitage,

EEF chief economist, predict-

ed that engineers would shed

about 10 per cent of their work-

force this year even if the

pound began to weaken.

and mining output.

furt closing virtually flat.

firm to close at 67.66p.

Exporters baffled by banana war ruling



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Barshefsky: trade test for Brussels

HOPES that the Bank of Eng-

land will again cut interest

rates pushed the stock market

to a second consecutive record

high yesterday, despite fresh evidence that the British econ-

omy appears to be heading

Services companies report-

ed their strongest growth levtls since last September while

the pace of decline in the manu-

facturing sector also continued

that the Bank of England was

earlier data showing a sharp

downwards revision to fourth-

quarter GDP and subdued

earnings growth. The contin-

ued strength of the pound is

also considered likely to per-

suade the Bank to reduce rates

by a quarter point to 5.25 per

Monetary Policy Committe

Optimism that the Bank

would cut rates was reflected

in the markets. The FTSE 100

index of leading shares closed

up 57.9 at 6.473.2, having earli-

er peaked at an all-time trad-

The pound, however, took

heart from the stronger than ex-

pected new data to recover

some of the ground lost on Tues-

day, when it fell to an 18-month

half a cent against the dollar to

Sterling climbed more than

mg high of 6,496.1.

low against the dollar.

Analysts, however, insisted

for a "soft landing".

more likely to be swayed by

meeting today.

BY CARL MORTISHED AND SHIRLEY ENGLISH

WORRIED British exporters to America were left in a state of confusion yesterday after the European Commission failed to admit defeat in its long-running banana war with the United States.

Sir Leon Brittan, vice-president of the European Commission, said that Europe reserved its right to appeal, while at the same time insisting that it would abide by World Trade Organisation rules. He said: "The uni-lateral US retaliation currently in place against EU exports has been and remains

Washington, which is claiming victory in further anxiety among embattled cashmere the banana war over trade restrictions between the two continents, poured scorn on the apparent Brussels prevarication yesterday. Peter Scher, a US trade official, said: The arbitrator's decision is final and the EU does not have the right to appeal."

A WTO arbitrator yesterday awarded \$191 million in damages to the US, and a WTO panel ruled that aspects of the EU's preferential import regime for Caribbean bananas

EU lawyers in Brussels were last night poring over the 160-page report from the WTO panel in Geneva. The report is not being released to the public, and delay will fuel

knitwear firms in the Scottish Borders

Mills around Hawick used a visit by Peter Chase, economic adviser to the US Embassy in London, to call on America to remove cashmere from the potential sanctions list and so safeguard 1,000 jobs. The Borders has been hardest hit by the banana war as almost half of all European and 90 per cent of British cashmere comes from the region.

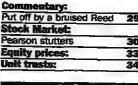
The US has seen its original target list of exports worth \$520 million cut to \$191 million. A spokesman for the US Trade Representative said a revised list of import products would be issued in a couple of days but the UK is likely to figure large as a key sup-

porter of Caribbean banana growers. The UK Department of Trade & Industry was unable yesterday to offer any reassurance to British exporters. The confusion is in part caused by the lack of any precedent. A WTO trade expert explained: "No previous dispute has ever reached this stage before of arbitration and implementation.

Led by Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky, Washington has been using the banana dispute to test Brussels' commitment to the WTO rules. Beyond the banana row, another dispute is brewing over the EU ban on imports of US hormone-treated beef.

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The two faces of capitalism in Sunderland

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NORTH SEA OIL

The site of the proposed Bagian Bay energy park, which Labour says is not "a ruse on the eve of the Welsh elections"

Byers approves gas station

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY AND JAMES LANDALE

THE Government yesterday Amoco would bring exception-did a U-turn on its energy pol-al economic benefits and re-ments by Callum McCarthy

that developing country growth would slip to just 1.5 Weish Assembly. per cent this year, compared Stephen Byers, the Trade and Industry Secretary, said that the station at Bagian Bay with a previous forecast of 2.5 per cent, and was unlikely to return to trend until 2001. The Bank added that with

about half of all global growth during the past 18 months deriving from the US, world economic growth was at risk from a sharp correction on Wall Street.

services index climbing above

the break-even level for the

first time in five months. Ana-

lysts cautioned, however, that

some of the sharp rise may re-

flect a seasonal increase in opti-

mism and could be partially re-

versed in the coming months.

The return to growth has also come too late to improve

overall economic performance

in the first quarter of the year,

according to the National Insti-

tute of Economic and Social

Research, which estimates

first-quarter GDP growth at

Bank yesterday cut its forecast for global growth to 1.8 per

cent this year and gave warn-

ing that emerging markets were likely to suffer the brunt

The Bank said in its Global

Development Finance report

Meanwhile, the World

just 0.1 per cent.

of the slowdown.

LINKS

Employment rates in the service sector, however, have WEESTE: www.bankofenstand.co.uk begun to grow again with the

power station in Wales, just weeks before elections for the

would not be blocked by the current "stricter consents policy" on new gas-fired stations. The de facto moratorium was announced last October in order to create a more balanced energy market amid a crisis in the coal industry and a rush to Mr Byers said the plans by General Electric and BP

around the station with companies moving in to take cheap power.

John Redwood, the Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, said: This is rank electioneering. Labour clearly believes the Welsh elections are worth a few closed pits in England. How many jobs will go as a re-

jobs will be created by the es-

tablishment of an energy park

sult of this electoral gesture?" CoalPro, the coal industry trade association, is to write to Mr Byers to urge him to keep the moratorium in place. It is

which still needs planning icy by clearing the way for a generation prospects. It has and Mr Byers could result in consents, will aim to deve £300 million new gas-fired been claimed that up to 6.000 an early end to the ban and 1,000 acres of industrial la lead to fresh uncertainty for coal producers. The new gas station will

push out about one million tonnes of coal as the market for the fuel is already sharply declining. The current coal burn in electricity generation is only about 40 million tonnes.

Peter Hain, the Welsh Office Minister, said: "This shows that the Labour Goverament is delivering for the people of Wales. But it is not a device or a ruse on the eve of the Welsh elections."

1,000 acres of industrial land. It is being backed by the Welsh Development Agency. The power station is by far

the largest to escape the moratorium. Smaller schemes with a large amount of environmentally friendly combined heat and power (CHP) have bypassed the ban. Baglan Bay's CHP element is speculative, the Government has conceded.

Other power companies are now expected to press for gasstation consents.

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Winsor calls for tougher powers

cent at the conclusion of the helped by improved utilities

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

JOHN PRESCOTT came under pressure from his newly appointed Rail Regulator vesrerday to introduce tougher regulatory powers into forthcoming legislation. While the Deputy Prime

Minister insisted that existing powers for regulators were tough enough to bring improvements on the railways. Tom Winsor, the new regulafor, made it clear that he want-

Making his first comments since his appointment last month, Mr Winsor, the City lawyer who takes up his role in June, admitted that he had more powers than most regula-

However, he added: 'The tend their franchises.

powers are lacking in some other respects in terms of enforcement of franchise obligations and legislation is required to improve those pow-

Mr Winsor has, in the past, frequently criticised his predecessor for failing to available under existing legis-

unable to find Parliamentary time for legislation to give statutory backing to the new regime governing the industry. der the present regime the

make enough use of powers Mr Prescott has as yet been

Yesterday he said that unrules could be tightened on train companies seeking to ex-

Reed price dented by board strife

THE directors of Reed Elsevier, the international publishing and information group, are to go back to their original shortlist in the continuing eight-months search for a new chief executive (Raymond Snoddy writes). Late on Tuesday the An-

glo-Dutch group admitted that its chosen candidate had turned them down. The embarrassing failure to find a chief executive led to a 14p fall in the shares yesterday to 533p. A boardroom row over the issue led to the

immediate resignations of directors Pierre Vinken, a former co-chairman, and Loek van Vollenhoven. Commentary, page 29 Publishing division, page 31

BT takes stake in SmarTone

BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

day increased its presence in the Asia-Pacific region with the £240 million purchase of a 20 per cent stake in SmarTone, Hong Kong's third-largest mobile telephone operator.

Alfred Mockett, president and chief executive of BT Worldwide, said the deal was "an avenue to expansion in the greater China marketplace".

The SmarTone purchase takes BT's investments in minority stakes in the region to nearly [] billion. As Asia-Pacific is seen as the engine of growth in telecoms markets BT's investments there could easily match its £3.5 billion expansion in Europe, Mr Mockett said. BT also said that it

BRITISH TELECOM yester- was talking to a number of partners and looking at ways of increasing its stake in Ja-pan, the world's second-larg-

est telecoms market. SmarTone is third in a market of six mobile operators in Hong Kong with an 18 per cent market share and more than half a million customers. BT believes that mobile penetration in Kong Kong will grow from its present 40 per cent to 60 per cent by 2001. In the year to June 1998 SmarTone, a Hong Kong-listed company in which the Kwok family holds a 26 per cent stake, had profits of HK\$1

billion (£80 million).

BEEN TURNED DOWN FOR A MORTGAGE?

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or been made bankrupt?

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Bluewater washes over Lakeside



Bluewater: excellent trading

BLUEWATER, the massive shopping centre that opened in Kent last month, has already proved to be a huge success - but at the apparent expense of nearby Lakeside and even London's West End (Sarah Cunningham writes).

Rowland Gee, managing director of the Moss Bros men's clothing group. said yesterday that its branches of Blazer. Cecil Gee and Savoy Taylor's Guild in Bluewater have traded very well while the equivalent three stores across the Thames in the Lakeside centre in

south Essex have gone quiet. "I was in Bluewater on Good Friday and it was heaving," he said. "I then went to Lakeside and I could have fired a cannon down the central aisle and not hit anybody." Michael Bennett, the chairman of Oasis, the women's wear retail group, said that he already wished that his three outlets at Bluewater were larger: "Trading there is excellent." A spokesman for Lakeside, which is

ten minutes drive from Bluewater, however, countered: "We have seen no discernible effect in footfall which can be attributable to Bluewater." Mr Gee also said that Oxford Street

rents had started to fall in response to the success of Bluewater. Chris Phillips of Healey & Baker, the property agents, agreed that rents had started to ease, but added: "It's probably too early to tell what effect Bluewater will



Lakeside: quiet by comparison

Investors support Olivetti

Olivetti's shareholders vesterday agreed to a 5 trillion lira (£1.7 billion) capital increase to help to finance its £41 billion takeover bid for Telecom Italia. Roberto Colaninno, Olivetti chief executive, warned shareholders in Telecom Italia not to approve its defence strategy. which includes a proposal to convert non-voting savings shares into ordinary shares, threatening a competition war if the takeover defences are approved.

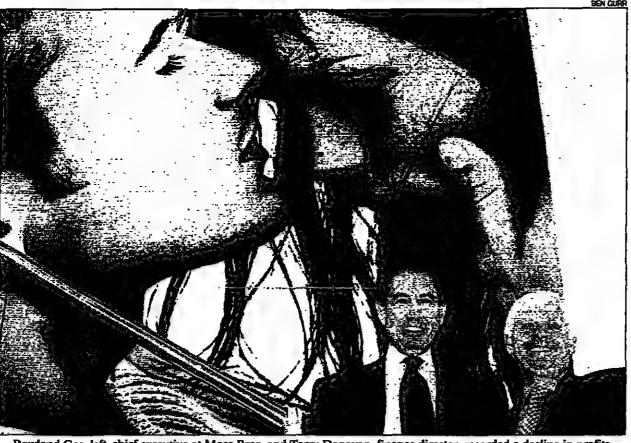
Olivetti has indicated that it will scrap its bid if Telecom Italia investors back the defence strategy of Franco Bernabe, chief executive of the former state telephone monopoly. Mr Colaninno said that Olivetti would accept a smaller stake in Telecom Italia than its maximum 67 per cent bid if it could secure control. The smallest stake it will accept is 35 per cent. Nomura in talks

over 274 pubs

Nomura International is in talks to sell 274 pubs from its Inntrepreneur estate. A price is not being disclosed. but industry sources sug-gest a sum of less than £50 million. It is understood that the buyer is the property investment group that ac-quired 120 pubs from Nomura's Phoenix luns arm in November. The group's identity is not known, but its pubs are managed by Pennant Inns. based in London. Frazer Shee, a Pennant director, declined to comment on terms of the latest deal, but admitted: "It's certainly one we're interested in."

Russian paper

The Financial Times, The Wall Street Journal and the Dutch publisher Independent Media are to start a Russian-language business daily newspaper in August. The alliance is the first venture between the Financial Times, owned by Pearson, and Dow Jones's Wall Street Journal, strong rivals in the US and Western Europe. The new paper, to circulate initially in Moscow and St Petersburg, will be owned equally by Pearson, Dow Jones and Independent Media.



Rowland Gee, left, chief executive at Moss Bros, and Terry Donovan, finance director, recorded a decline in profits

Spring's mixed bag for clothes retailers

By Sarah Cunningham, retail correspondent

CLOTHING retailers, emerg-ing from an uncomfortable winter of trading, reported yes-terday that the spring had brought mixed fortunes.

Oasis, the women's wear retailer, said that underlying sales in the first eight weeks of the current year were up 6 per cent. This follows a jump in pre-tax profit to £13 million from £10.4 million in the year to January 30.

By contrast, Moss Bros, the menswear group behind Sa-voy Taylors Guild, Blazer, Cecil Gee and The Suit Compa-

ny as well as the Moss Bros of Coast, Oasis's new brand suit hire business, has seen its like-for-like sales dip 2 per cent in the first nine weeks of the current financial year.

Oasis has increased its total number of outlets by ten to 137 last year and has added a further three so far this year. Five new stores and four relocations are planned. The first Japanese branch is due to open in Tokyo this year. Michael Bennett, chairman. said that he is hoping to find a local partner to open stores in

aimed at a slightly older and more affluent customer, are due to open this year.

On earnings per share of 17.7p (13.1p) Oasis is paying a final dividend of 5.6p (5.1p), giving a total for the year to 8.25p (7.5p). The shares closed last night up 115p at 18615p.

Pre-tax profits at Moss Bros in the year to Janauary 30 fell from £19.6 million to £16.1 million as, despite turnover increasing from £147.7 million to £153.7 million, the company was forced to cut its prices.

Versand buys Freemans

est mail order businesses in Britain, has been sold by the new owners of Sears to Germany's Otto Versand (Sarah Cunningham writes). Hamburg-based Versand is believed to have paid about £150 million to Philip Green

FREEMANS, one of the larg-

and the Barclay brothers, who hought Sears at the beginning

owns another big British mail order operator, Grattan. After its acquisition of Freemans. Versand will control a total of 15 per cent of the UK market. behind Littlewoods (16 per cent) and Great Universal Stores (24 per cent).

The attempts by the former management of Sears to sell ' Freemans, which had turnover of £562 million last year,

turned into one of the longestrunning sagas in British

Littlewoods twice tried to buy Freemans. The transaction was eventually blocked by the Monopolles and Mergers Commission. N Brown, which is believed to have tried to buy the business from its new owners, also made a bid, but failed to agree a price.

Hit squad to tackle **Siemens** computer chaos

By JASON NISSÉ

PROBLEMS caused by the introduction by Siemens of a new £100 million computer system at the Immigration and Nationality Directorate (IND) have become so severe that senior executives have been given "carte blanche" to do whatever is needed to sort out the mess.

The roll out of the German electronic giant's system is run-ning 18 months behind schedule and latest figures show that, at the end of February, a record 71,295 asylum applications were waiting to be proc-essed. This compares with 50,950 a year ago, before the Siemens system started being introduced.

The backlog of records mounting up could be exacer-bated by reports that rats have gnawed away at the stores of and the applications at the asylum applications at the IND's offices in Croydon, Sur-

The IND was able to process only 1.275 applications in February. Although this was up from just 995 in January it is below the target of 2,375 a month. At current rates it would take more than fourand-a-half years to clear the backlog. It is expected that the IND will be swamped with further asylum applications in the next few weeks when the airlift of Kosovo refugees

Last month Stephen Boys Smith, director-general of the IND, launched a progress chasing group to try to sort out the problem. In a memo to that group - leaked to the trade magazine, Computer Weekly - Boys Smith says that executives from Siemens and the IND "will be empowered by both me and the managing di-rector of Siemens Business Systems to take any action that is required as soon as they can."

department stores.
Yesterday it reported pre-tax profits up 9 per cent at £10.1 million for the year ended Janu-The memo adds: "They will not be constrained by commercial and contractual issues." The Home Office said that this is to ensure that any solution is not held up by talks about who would pay for lion. Earnings per share were

final dividend of 7.75p (7.25p) brings the total dividend for the year to 10.75p (9.75p). The problems at the IND have been criticised by both the National Audit Offices and Tempus, page 30 MPs.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Electra scheme hits Revenue snag

ELECTRA INVESTMENT TRUST'S £544 million offer for 40 per cent of its own equity — to rebuff a £1.25 billion hostile takeover offer from 3i, the venture capitalist — has hit probjems with the Inland Revenue, Electra has admitted. Investors earning more than £28,000 and trustees claiming schedule F relief will be subject to tax as if they had received income rather than capital on the sale shares. Electra's legal team has previously argued that this would not be so. People who fall into these two categories are being allowed to revoke offers to sell stock.

Electra will appeal against the Revenue ruling and is confident of success. Its tender offer is part of a plan to realise greater value from the fund, which has been trading at a large discount to its net asset value, Electra reiterated yester-day that its plans equate to 786p a share, compared with 3is 725p offer in cash and shares.

Cornwell Parker boost

SHARES in Cornwell Parker, the Parker Knoll furniture company, rose nearly 14 per cent after the company admitted that it has received further bid approaches which may lead to 2 takeover offer for the company. The shares lifted 12p to 98 pp despite the company reporting a fall in profits in the first half of its financial year and a warning that difficult market condi-tions will continue in 1999. Pre-tax profits came in at £2.1 mil-lion (£3.3 million). The interim dividend is rising 0.2p to 1.5p.

BNP keeps up bid

BNP, the French bank bidding for Société Générale and Paribas, said yesterday that it plans to continue with its offer, deas, said yeserday that it plants to continue with its start, despite its renewed rejection by SocGen and Paribas. BNP said that the stance adopted by SocGen and Paribas was unreasonable, and not in the best interests of their shareholders. The two banks were not being transparent with their shareholders, it added. The rejection by SocGen and Paribas means that any merger may not be sorted out until June at the earliest.

Integrated phone plan

ATLANTIC TELECOM, the fledgeling Scottish telephone company that aims to expand into England, yesterday said it would become one of the first operators in Britain to launch an integrated fixed-line and mobile phone service. The service, using radio technology, is expected to allow the company's 21,700 customers to pay one rental fee and receive one bill for both their residential and mobile phone services.

Glaxo presses on

GLAXO WELLCOME still hopes to press ahead with the US launch of its new flu treatment by the end of the year, despite the recent opposition of advisers to the US Food and Drug Administration. The FDA has agreed to extend its consideration of Relenza for three months beyond the original April 27 deadline. An advisory committee voted 13-4 against approving Re-lenza because of unconvincing results in the US trial.

Clinton at the double

CLINTON CARDS, the greetings card retailer, more than doubled profits last year after its £28.7 million acquisition of The Greetings Store Group in October. Pre-tax profits were E15.8 million in the year to January 31. Clinton said its new year has started well. Turnover was £208.5 million last year. up from £152.8 million. Basic earnings per share were 17.54p (9.32p). A 3.6p final dividend makes 4.6p, up 53 per cent.

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oday, The Times offers readers a FREE online Feng Shui consultation to give a room in your home a new look. You will be given a complete Feng Shui report helping you to make the best use of your space to improve relationships, health, finances, family and career. If you re-arrange your environment according to Feng Shui principles, fans of Feng Shui claim, your life is enhanced. The offer applies to a dining room, study or bathroom.

Times readers can also have interior design advice online for other rooms in their home for £5.50 per room, half the usual price of £11. When you go online you will be asked to use a compass to check the direction and position of the



door and create the layout of your room. Describe what you can see out of each window and submit the room to an online Feng Shui expert for analysis. The analysis will highlight the negative and positive areas of your room and make recommendations for you to put your furniture and fittings in places where they will not create

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Collect four of the seven tokens published in The Times this week. On each token there is a twoletter code. You need four, two-letter codes to access the free consultation on the Feng Shui website: www.online-fengshui.com

When you have any four of the seven sets of two-letter codes, key them into your computer when asked and follow the instructions carefully. You will need a web browser Netscape 3 or above, Explorer 3 or above, or their equivalent. Full instructions are on the site. If you have difficulty downloading, please check you are following the instructions. If you are at work, make sure there is no firewall. Try again or contact your Internet service provider.



Terms and Conditions: Only one free room consultation per household. Consultations for other rooms are available at half price, just £5.50 per room. Instructions for how to do this will be on the website. Offer closes at midnight Wednesday April 28, 1999.

CHANGING TIMES

Fewer travel first class

By Paul Armstrong

BRITISH Airways has reported a rise in non-premium traffic of 11.35 per cent for March. Premium traffic fell by 0.2 per cent. It said that growth of 9.6 per cent was recorded in scheduled revenue passenger kilometres for the month. Interconcent. outstripping the 6.9 per to 68.4 per cent.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Earnings per share fell from 14.9p to 12.2p but Moss Bros is

paying a final dividend of 4.2p (4p), giving a full-year total of 6.3p (6p). Moss Bros shares

rose 3p yesterday to 180%p.

☐ James Beattie, the depart-

ment stores group, is to create 600 jobs over the next two years,

investing £12 million to increase

Extensions are planned for four of its stores in the Mid-

lands. The company's tenth

store, at the Huddersfield

Kingsgate Centre, is due to open in spring 2001. The com-

pany is also investigating op-

portunities to acquire existing

ary 31, despite what the compa-

ny cailed a challenging year. Turnover was little changed at

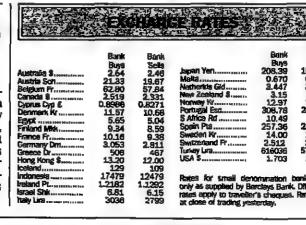
EIO4.6 million, from EIO3.6 mil-

up 10 per cent at 16.8p and the

retail space by 30 per cent.

(6p). Moss Bros shares

cent growth in UK-Europe traffic. BA said overall premium performance was affected by the pre-Easter holiday week, which reduced traffic in that category in the last four days of the month. The load factor for mainline scheduled servictinental traffic was up 10.1 per es fell by 2.7 percentage points



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| teh. ber ome od od rid- tok. | Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting smast lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of their diels to the offices of Buchler Phillips, 84 Cacevener Street, London to the Pushings day proceeding the Meeting and the Proxy of the Control of the Contro | the meeting concerning Liquida- tons requirestion, however the meeting any receive information about, or be called upon to ap- pare, the costs of preparing the statement of selfules and conven- ing the meeting. A list of names and eddresses of the above compa- ary creditors can be hapected at: the offices of Leonard Cartis, One Great Comberisad Pince, London WIR ELS, between the hours of 10.00cm to 4.00pm on the re- business days preceding the lifesy- log of Creditors. | of the Company hald on 29 March 1999. The Joint Liquidistors give notice, personant to Rule 4.182(A) of the Insolvency Rules 1996, that the mediums of the Company must send details in writing of any claim against the company to the Joint Liquidistons are the above address by 30 April 1999. The Joint Liquidistors also give notice under the provisions of Rule 4.182(A)(5) and (6) that they futured to make a final distribution to resistant and a final distribution to the second of the final distribution of Rule 4.182(A)(5). | The Liquidance gives motice pure- ant to Rule 4.122A of the Insolve- cy Rules 1986 that the credition of the company near send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to Marcia Pishana of Ar- trus Andersee, P. Box 55, 1 Survy Street, London WCZZ 28T by 28 May 1999. The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.162A(5) that on 30 june 1999 he integrals to make a final nature. |
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the long sought after new chief executive of Reed El-sevier was, apparently, on the brink of signing his contract when he changed his mind. And who can blame him? Any reasonable chap might have had second thoughts about entering a boardroom where the atmosphere had become quite so poisonous.

The tensions were not new but had been festering for years, and they were not of the creative kind. Since Pierre Vinken and Loek van Vollenhoven have now flounced out, they have conveniently cast themselves as the villains of the piece but boards that allowed such destructive nastiness to persist must assume some joint responsibility.

It seems that the two sides of this Anglo-Dutch venture never were as one. The complicated structure of the business undoubtedly made it harder for the obstacles to harmony and international understanding to be ejected but surely the non-executive directors must have reached the pitch when they felt some action had to be taken, even if it was only their own resignation? Shareholders do not expect peo-ple such as Sir Christopher Lewinton, the TI chairman, to sit passively by while a business is threatened by fighting factions. Yet the directors of Reed seem

to have been impotent in the face

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Put off by a bruised Reed of an elderly, but very deter-mined Dutchman. Pierre Vinken

was in his late sixties when he plonked himself in the way of the plans of the then chief executive, Peter Davis.

To hear the sighs of relief emanating from Reed yesterday, one might have thought that the board had successfully fought off some young Turk instead of finally waving off a septuagenarian. That there is still the little matter of a vacant chief executive's role to be settled was almost brushed aside amidst the welcoming of a. new era at the company.

Investors will want the job

filled before they can contemplate joining in the celebrations.

In any other company, they might now be raising their hopes to the possibility of an opportun-istic bidder pouncing while the vacuum at the top remains. But the corporate structure that has dogged the business for so long also provides a degree of protec-tion against a bidder.

Clever investment bankers ought to be able to find a way of surmounting such obstacles. For Reed Elsevier's dismal share



COMMENTARY by our City Editor

not far behind. Purely by coinci-

dence, the decision yesterday not

to block the 500-megawatt sta-

tion at Baglan Bay comes just days before the Government has

to go into purdah over anything that might influence the Welsh and Scottish assembly elections. The power station is by far the

largest that has skipped through

a non-moratorium designed to

create some sort of diversity, secu-

rity and sustainability in the energy market. The station's environ-

mentally friendly credentials -

the main criterion by which the Department of Trade and Indus-

try will entertain exceptions to

the rule - are not clearly laid

Dewhirst

downbeat

on outlook

DEWHIRST, one of Marks

& Spencer's largest suppliers of clothing and tolletries,

saw its profits hit last year

and was downbeat about

(Sarah Cunningham writes).

sumer demand in the sec-

ond half of the year and a

cut in the group's operating margin from 8.5 per cent to

6.8 per cent meant that al-

though sales rose from £363.6 million to £380.2 mil-

lion, pre-tax profit in the

year to January 15 fell from

£31.4 million to £23 million.

The company was also hit by £2.2 million costs after the

closure of six factories. On

earnings per share of 13.29p (16.72p) the company is paying a final dividend of 4p, giving a total of 5.45p (5.4p).

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rospects for the current half

The dramatic drop in con-

price performance disguises a business which is full of potential for the new millennium.

The company is at the heart of the information age. It has been investing heavily in electronic publishing. If the new management structure which comes into play next week enables concentration on the business instead of international hostilities, there might even be an enticing job for a brave chief executive.

Bay watchers see an energy precedent set

ver since announcing in the Energy White Paper that it would be taking a strict line on agreeing to new gas-fired power stations, the Government has been at pains to say that the curb does not amount to

Now we can see that it actually amounts to very little. The "strict-er consents policy" is clearly beout. The promise that an energy park will grow up around the station and deliver up to 6,000 jobs ing applied in such a loose lashis vague, but it should sound ion that a coach and horses could happily canter through it — espe-cially if elections were following

good to Welsh voters. The gas station will reduce the need for about one million tonnes of coal out of an already sharply declining market. Yet the Energy White Paper's main purpose had been to level the energy market amid a dash for gas and potential crisis in the coal industry. Some said at its publication — only last October — that the paper delivered only weak proposals to balance the market. The apparent moratorium on gassfired power. moratorium on gas-fired power stations was its most powerful tool while we await a hugely com-plex and lengthy reformation of the electricity trading market. But if the moratorium was a mi-rage, the whole thing seems a

It may be claimed that the Bag-

lan Bay proposal offers such economic benefits and promise of regeneration that it should be allowed to fly in the face of policy. But just wait for the queue of power companies outside Stephen Byers's door claiming the same attributes. This move has created a precedent.

When interest rates are immaterial

ewhirst is what now passes for a British textile business: it makes men's shirts in Indonesia and children's clothes in Casablanca. On the bright side, in Wales, it has what it claims is the most modern garment laundering plant in Europe, so while there is little hope for skilled machinists,

washerwomen of Britain. But Dewhirst closed six British factories last year as it took production off-shore and not even a half-point cut in interest rates to-day would stop this migration of manufacturing continuing. The company can only meet the de-

there may still be hope for the

mands of its major customer. Marks & Spencer, by heading to the lands of cheap labour. The introduction of the minimum wage may have exacerbated the gap be tween the costs of having a blouse run up in Morocco or Manchester but it was already so big as to make the decision to move a no brainer.

The same reasoning will see manufacturing jobs in other sectors continue to flee. Yesterday, the Engineering Employers Federation conjured up a figure of 170,000 jobs which might vanish from the UK over the next couple of years. But despite timing the prediction in the hope of influencing the MPC, the EEF must know that the problem is beyond the reach of interest rates.

Green fingers

Philip Green is wasting little time in parcelling out Sears. The former owners repeatedly failed to sell the Freemans mail order business, succeeding only in pre-siding over its deterioration and shrinking worth. Mr Green had no doubt of Otto's keenness to take over the company and the price the company would pay coloured his own thinking in valuing Sears. He did not achieve the £395 million that Sir Bob Reid dreamed of but he was a happy man yesterday.

BICC's cable disposal attracts Wassall back

By Paul Armstrong

BICC yesterday announced the sale of the last of its troublesome cable businesses, immediately triggering a new takeover offer from Wassall, the in-

dustrial conglomerate. Wassall, which already has 9.3 per cent of BICC, said last night that it was prepared to raise its offer for the company by 22 per cent, to 110p a share, but said that it would not make an official bid without the support of the BiCC board. The proposed offer values BICC at £463 million. However. Alan Jones, BICC's chief ex-

ecutive, rejected the revised proposal, saying that it still failed to recognise the compa-

ny's value and prospects. The announcements combined to lift BICC shares 12p to

106p.
The sale of BICC's energy cables division for £275 million completes a restructuring pro-gramme that BICC hopes will restore some of its former glory. The deal takes the amount raised from the company's asset disposal programme to £386 million in the past six months and leaves Balfour Beatty, the engineering and construction group, as BICC's

key profit-generator. However, BICC gave warning that the latest sale would have a negative impact on earnings until administration costs were cut and the sale proceeds were reinvested.

meantime, funds from the disposal would be used to eliminate BICC's remaining debt of almost £200 million.

The warning prompted analysts to downgrade their 1999 pre-tax profit forecasts by about 10 per cent, to between £70 million and £72 million. However, the stock market

showed its faith in the longterm benefits of the restructuring plan, marking up BICC shares by 5p several hours before the Wassall announce-

The process has underpirmed steady recovery in BICC shares from a 12-month low of 38p in October. However, this compares with 180p last May and 449p five years

ago. Since then, profits from fi-bre and cables have been eroded by technological developments and oversupply, and the stock has lost its place in the FTSE 100 index.

Chris Miller, Wassall's chief executive, yesterday said: "We believe that without our interest, the BICC share price would fall substantially below its current level".

Michael Blogg, an analyst with Charterhouse Securities. said: "BICC's prospects are pretty good. There was no strategic reason to have cables and construction together, and this sale will make the group more coherent."

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Second bid for snooker group

CUES have been drawn in the murky world of snooker halls after Waterfall Holdings, the UK's second-biggest cue sports group, launched a hostile £41 million bid for European Leisure, the market

European, which is already the subject of an agreed take-over by Allied Leisure, the Burger King restaurants and ten-pin bowling operator, immediately rejected the all-paper offer and advised its shareholders to accept the Al-

lied deal. Waterfall, in which European has a 24 per cent stake, is of-fering 203.5 of its own shares for every 100 European

At Waterfall's current price of 56½p, the offer values its target at 115p a share, compared with last night's 85p close. It is

also at a premium to Allied's offer, which, at its launch a month ago, was worth 99p a share, or £35.4 million.

However, European called into question the value of Waterfall's paper, claiming that there is a bid premium from its own shareholding in the

company.
It also cast doubts on Water-

its profits had been inflated by exceptional items.

Martin Callan, Waterfall's chief executive, said that the bid, launched after the market closed last night offered European closed last night, offered European shareholders a bigger slice of the cake, as they would emerge with 70 per cent of the combined group compared with just 52 per cent in the Allied deal.

A combined European/ Waterfall would have 135 snooker and pool clubs and 60 discos and bars.

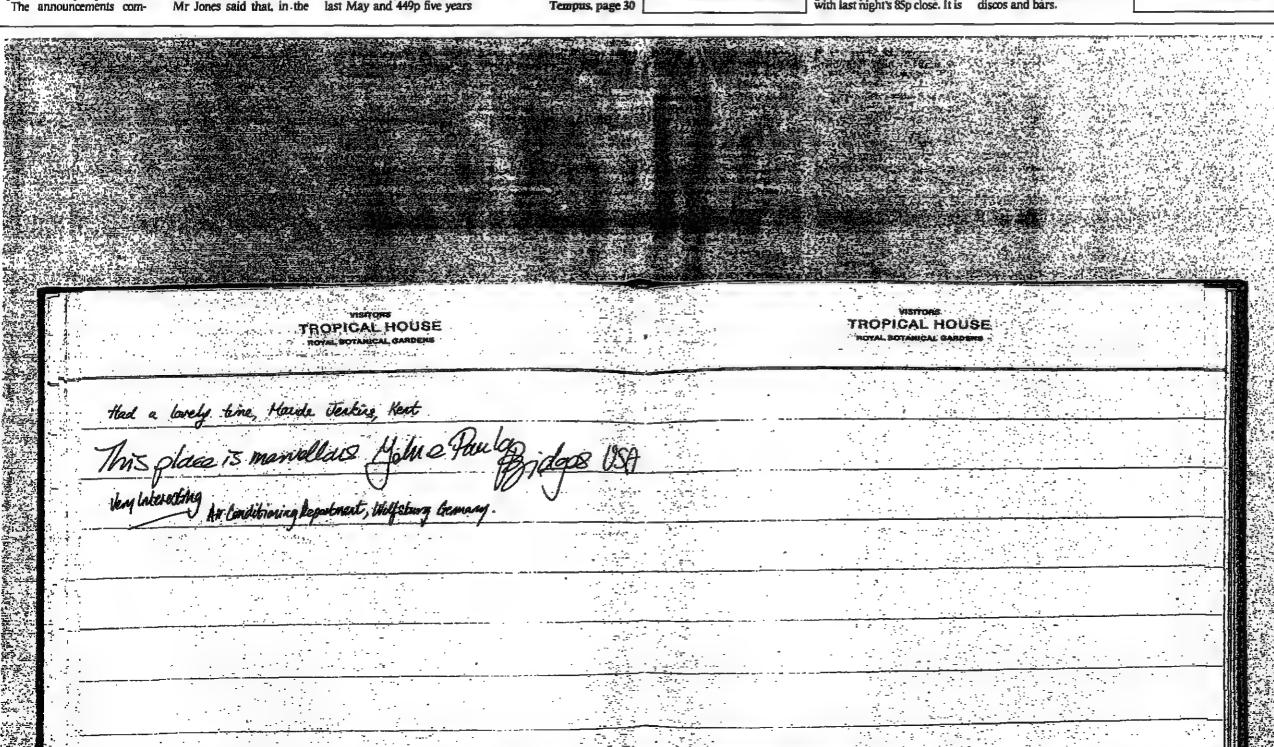
ICG gives warning on junk bonds

INTERMEDIATE Capital Group, the specialist finance house, gave warning yesterday that the use of junk bonds in unit trusts aimed at the retail market could short change consumers (Caroline

Merrell writes). 1CG, a provider of mezzanine finance for small UK business, said it is raising the concern because the structure of bonds in the UK is different to the US where the market is much more advanced.

In the event of corporate collapse in the US, holders of junk bonds had some rights to assets that could be recovered. In the UK the same roles do not apply. ICG said it has taken up the matter with the fund manag-

ers concerned. Tempus, page 30



markets that have only recently, or are only

just now, deregulating their telecoms markets. Interesting international partnerships

and networks are being created while at the

is also justifiable in light of the economic risks

in which many countries in the area are still

submerged. Asia-Pacific offers the communi-

cations industry one of its greatest long-term

growth prospects. However, there is no need

for BT to overexpose itself in the rush for a

BT's prospects are bright because of the ran-

id growth of its industry, if nothing else. The risk for investors is that they could overpay

while the sector is still flavour of the month.

But this does not stop the stock rating as a

slice of the action.

long-term buy.

BT's steady-as-she-goes policy in the region

same time avoiding frightening the sheep.

All The same





Pearson stutters as highlights discrepa

THE recent high-flying per-formance of shares in Pearson, owner of the Financial Times and Penguin, appears to have stalled.

Marjorie Scardino, chief executive, no doubt looked on in horror as it featured as the worst performer among the top 100 companies with the price slumping 70p, or 5 per cent, to £12.95 on turnover of more than four million shares.

It seems that brokers have discovered some disturbing discrepancies. There is a \$50 million shortfall in the contribution from newly acquired education publishing business Simon & Schuster in the US. Page 80 of the accounts reveals a trading profit of £54 million. significantly below what Pear-son had expected. It also compares lamentably with the £157 million the business earned in the previous year.

Mike Savage at Collins Stewart, the broker, says that demand for Pearson has been fuelled by the strong growth prospects for the education division. The macro-drivers of the education business remain intact, but there is an element of doubt as to the core basis of profitability of this division."

Pearson remains comfortable with forecasts of £267 mil-lion profit from the combined education business of Adison Wesley and Simon Schuster. It is also confident of achieving \$130 million of cost savings.

But Savage is taking a more cautious view of prospects. "Having been bulls of Pearson since February last year, we feel obliged to move to a situation where we feel more comfortable with a take some profits recommendation".

Other brokers have been mumbling that the break-up value of Pearson is now proba-

bly worth only £11 a share. Share prices generally were kept on the boil by mounting hopes that the Monetary Policy Committee would cut interest rates again later today. Best gains were not held despite an opening rise for the Dow Jones industrial average in New York. But the FTSE 100 index closed 57.9 up at a new closing high of 6,473.2. Toshare mark, although some screens showed more than three billion shares changing hands after an erroneous turnover level in Lloyds TSB, up 22p at 999p, of 2 billion shares. Brokers reported demand



Michael Bennett, chairman, saw shares of Oasis climb lkip to 186kip on the back of a strong set of final results

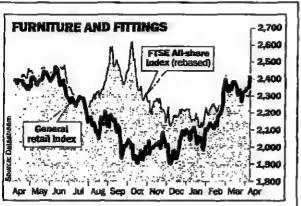
for equities from European investors with domestic sellers holding off in order to create shortages and drive prices

steadily higher.

Marks & Spencer, *p firmer at 436%p, was the heaviest traded blue chip with 26.3 million shares changing hands. WH Smith rose 75:p to 70755p. the second day of progress for the shares, encouraged by a

"buy" note from ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, which has set a fair value of £10.37. Hoare is encouraged by the potential revenue streams from Smith's ambitions on the Internet.

News of the suspension in trading of shares of Dickson Concepts in Hong Kong pending details of a restructuring excited speculators. They say it



THERE was little Christmas cheer for Britain's furniture retailers, but hopes are high that the summer may bring some warmth to hard-pressed shareholders.

Living in hope, there were gains for Courts (Furnishers), up 5p at 3174p, and DFS Furniture, 16p bet-ter at 2824p, while MFI Fur-piture held steady at 344p. But the best gain was re-served for UNO, up 12/4p, or 35 per cent, at 48/4p. So are there better times on the way, or is this just an-

Gabriela Vinader, a retail analyst at Merrill Lynch. the broker, is confident about prospects for the sector, which has been the worst hit of the retailers.

"Furniture shares have the potential to recover more strongly than other retail sales, which have not gone down as much,"

Because of the sharp falls that have been witnessed after a spate of profit warnings last year, the scope for recovery is now much greater.

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house, saw COLT Telecom add 60p at £12.55. It has set a target price of £16.40. BPB stood out with a rise of 1254p to 27844p as the group bought back 650,000 of its own shares at 26612p.

made a good start to the year.

There was also heavy turno-

ver in Stanley Leisure, down

Shareholders in Kunick, the troubled amusement machines group, unchanged at 14%p, could be in line for a change of fortune. Leisure Link Group. fresh from its £28.5 million acquisition of Stretton Leisure from Greenalis, is reported to be considering a move on Ku-nick, or possibly Crown Lei-sure. Leisure Link, a £70 million management buyout from Bass last year, is backed by Duke Street Capital and is not short of funds.

Sports Internet Group retreated 8%p to 141%p on learning that Goldman Sachs, the US securities house, had resecurities house, had reduced its stake in the company by 100,000 shares to 500,000 shares, or 5.68 per cent. Sports internet was floated at 25p a share last month. ☐ GILT-EDGED: A last-

minute bout of nerves ahead of today's decision by the MPC on interest rates took its toll on shorter-dated issues. In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt rose 4p to £117.99 as 23,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2021 rose 55p to £148.17, while in shorts

Treasury 7 per cent 2002 was 10p off at £106.74. ☐ NEW YORK: Earnings jitters saw Wall Street lose most of its early gains. At midday the Dow Jones industrial aver-

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BT's eastern connection

THE BT decision to buy 20 per cent of Smar-Tone, the Hong Kong mobile telephone operator, is obviously sensible and the £240 million purchase price counts as little more than small change in the multibillion-pound world of international telecoms players.

It brings the money invested by BT in the all-important Asia-Pacific region to about £1 billion. There were even hints yesterday that. all things being equal, BT would like to have a similar amount invested in the region to the £3.5 billion that has gone into stakes and partnerships in continental Europe.

To make its Asia-Pacific policy credible, BT will have to find a way of increasing its presence in Japan, the world's second-largest tele-

coms market after the US.

ALAN JONES, the chief exec-

utive of BICC, likes to pro-

ical action when it is needed

Just how radical it is to break

up a cables and construction

group is questionable. But

there can be no doubt about

the necessity of the move. The crash in BICC shares

from 449p five years ago to a low of 38p in October shows that Mr Jones and his team

BICC

On the face of it it is difficult to fault BT's policy of creeping up in an unthreatening way to

finding the right homes for its leaves upside in the share

£100 million warchest.

Most of BICC's organic rowth prospects rest with mote his company's asset Balfour Beatty, The construction group increased its order sales programme as evidence book by 25 per cent last year that he is prepared to take radand analysts are confident that reasonable growth will be recorded this year.

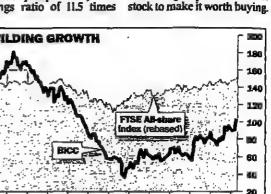
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had little choice. The various cables businesses were being overrun by technology and heavy oversupply.

The asset sales have raised E386 million and breathed life into the share price, which closed 12p higher yesterday at 106p. However, continued re-

BICC's prospective price/ earnings ratio of 11.5 times

price. The stock is also likely to be rerated when the company joins the construction sector. In the nearer term, a further increase in Wassall's pro-posed takeover offer of 110p a share, or even a competing bid, could fuel further gains. Despite its recent run, there is still enough upside left in the



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Moss Bros

MOSS BROS is without doubt a quality operation. It has a strong management team and, with Moss Bros itself, Blazer and Savoy Taylor's Guild, some great brands. Unfortunately, it also has some rather poor trading figures.

covery depends on more cost

cuts, further growth in Bal-

four Beatty's order book and

Despite the lower interest rates and some improvement in consumer sentiment, it still appears to be the case that men are reluctant spenders when it comes to clothes. Heavy cost-cutting by Marks & Spencer, which still controis 15 per cent of the UK's suit market, has also taken its toll on Moss Bros margins.

Promisingly though, it has not hit Moss Bros's market share, which has crept up to 13.5 per cent of men's suits. see an increase in suit hirings But the next few months

pressure, and Marks & Spen-

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cer's fightback is not to be

When an upturn in the retail sector finally arrives, pos-sibly in the second half, Moss Bros should benefit. But that is already fully taken into account in the share price, which is on a healthy rating of about 15.5 times forward earnings. Existing shareholders should hold, although they will need to be patient. Those interested in buying should wait for weakness in the share price.

INTERMEDIATE Capital Group, the specialist finance house, has had a decade of steady growth. Profits and its share price have risen slowly

make acquisitions. Of the 120

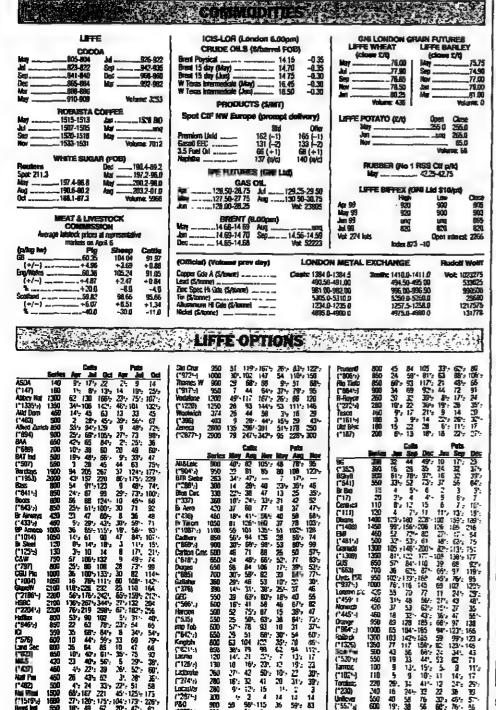
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tory, only four have failed to bear fruit Last year's crop of ICG-backed MBOs makes interesting reading. Those be-hind the buyout of IPC, the magazine house, used £51 mil-

lion of ICG's money. iCG competes for business with the Scottish banks. which last week announced a new venture aimed at providing more finance for bigger deals. Many assume this will take some of their attention away from ICG's market.

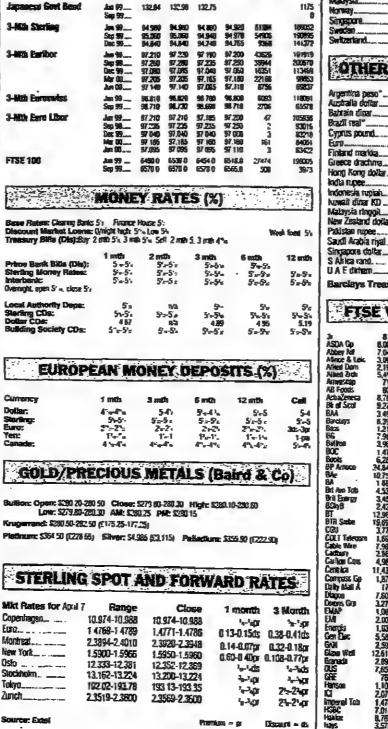
The niche nature of ICG's business means that it must diversify away from the UK to continue its expansion. Last year, 40 per cent of its lending was in Europe. It hopes to build on this year in the coming months, as the continentals become more aware of

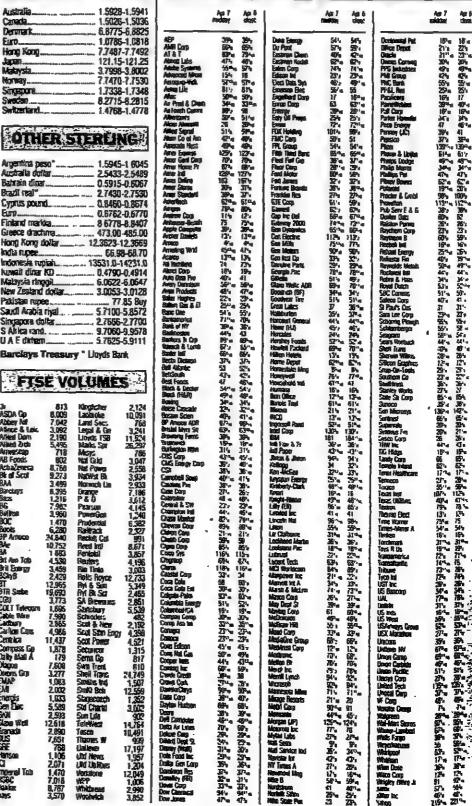
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arring the last-minute inter-B arring the last-minute intervention of a good fairy, the Vaux brewery in the centre of Sunderland will close by July 2. A brewing tradition going back to 1837, maintained ever since by the Nicholson family heirs to Cuthbert Vaux, will end in chaos and the loss of 520 jobs.

Derek Foster, a prominent Sunderland-born Labour MP and Chris Mullin, one of the town's present Labour MPs, have both damned the closure as "the unacceptable face of capitalism". Understandably so. The axe will fall, in the end, because management buy-out proposals aimed at saving the brewery fell somewhere between £5 million and £20 million short of the benefits that the renamed Swallow Group reckons it can gain by selling its pubs, closing breweries and buying beer for its hotels and bars from the cheapest supplier.

The unacceptable face, though an overused phrase, still carries a wealth of meaning. It was first coined a generation ago by Sir Edward Heath, when as Prime Minis-

Capitalism's two ambivalent faces about the affairs of Lonrho. The

sin that inspired the Prime Minister's well-turned curse was an early airing of boardroom excess. Lonrho relied on the foreign responsibilities of key directors to pay them secretly in tax havens abroad and avoid punitive tax rates then levied

The late Tiny Rowland, presid-ing genius of Lourho, had several unacceptable faces. On this occasion, capitalism and the voters eventually backed the buccaneer. After a board battle that dragged memorably through the courts and exposed a lot worse than dodgy boardroom pay, massed shareholders backed Mr Rowland. And today, neither Sir Edward nor even Messrs Foster and Mullin would support a return to 1970s tax rates.

Selling such a big chunk of man-

the share price" as one critic put it, is still distasteful, even it seems to Swallow investors. The board under Sir Paul Nicholson, who had been managing director for 27 years and also chairman for 25. backed the buyout to save the brewery. But key institutional shareholders, such as Mercury and Hermes, put legitimate pressure on other directors to make sure

mum value for shareholders. The result is an ugly face of capitalism. But what is the unacceptable face? Is it the closure or the failures of judgment and corporate governance that led to so disorderan end?

that any deal produced the maxi-

Two key factors underlay the Vaux drama. One is the gap that has developed on the stock market between international growth stocks and the smaller mature ufacturing jobs for "a few pence on groups depending on the home



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market. Vaux shares have lagged the FTSE 100 index by a mile over the past five years, attracting less than half the rating, in terms of price to profit, of the top 100. That has made them a lousy choice for fund managers such as Mercury and Phillips & Drew, who have chased value among solid domestic companies rather than going

for growth in multinationals. Such investors have inevitably become ever more demanding of changes to drum up "shareholder value".

The brewing industry has also been undergoing a painful revolu-tion that few predicted correctly at the time of the brewing orders almost a decade ago. The pubs, once seen merely as the tied distribution monopoly of the brewery, became the focal point. Like hotels, they were properties that the City was happy to invest in. Deals proliferated. Nomura of Japan now owns a tenth of all UK pubs.

Breweries became unloved manufacturing plants. They now compete on price like any commodity supplier, unless they have managed to develop products that people want to buy for choice, rather than just finding them in the local brews can be produced by special-

the City. He was seen as poten-

tially available after losing half his empire with the sale of S&S

business and educational pub-

wound backwards to the short-

list in the hope that an ann-

ouncement can be made before

the summer. The share price is

unlikely to recover until the un-

Nigel Stapleton, Reed Elsev-

ier co-chairman, has agreed to

stay on until a new chief execu-

tive is in place. He and fellow

co-chairman Hermann Brug-gink said they had asked not to

be considered for the job -

though they may not have been

encouraged in apply either.

Apart from the inevitable de-

lay in choosing a chief execu-tive things actually are starting

to look up for Reed Elsevier.
"It's really about what is hap-

pening next week, not history." a director said yesterday.

What happens next week, af-ter Thursday's AGM, is that

one of the world's top business-men, Morris Tabaksblat, the re-

tiring chairman of Unilever,

takes over as chairman. Mr Tabaksblat will also finally

take over a unitary board struc-

ture - something that was orig-

inally planned in the initial

merger documents and later

overturned under pressure

from Vinken. In future there

will three boards - Reed, Else-

the six non-executives will be

common to all and, as well as a

single chairman and chief exec-

utive, there will be, in Mark Ar-

mour, a chief financial officer.

vier and Reed Elsevier

certainty has been resolved.

The search is now likely to be

lishing interests to Pearson.

ists. Vaux failed either to turn itself into a big growth stock or to adapt to the changing beer market. Sir Paul was not idle. He built a successful diversification into Swallow hotels, which now makes three quarters of group profit, but left the old-fashioned regional brewery with tied outlets as Vaux's cultural

centre. It was also the symbol of the

family tradition of public service

and loyalty to all stakeholders. Sadly, the family only owned 2 per cent, roughly one fifteenth of the minimum stake needed to qualify as a family business. And shareholders did nothing to blend the twin duties of the board properly.

In 1995, a management study concluded that the future lay in Swallow hotels and that the Vaux business should go. The board, whose independent directors in-cluded a brother-in-law and former senior employee, rejected

it. This failure of corporate governance has served the people of Sunderland ill. Had the Nicholsons been obliged to see the writing on the wall, they could have split the business in two or driven the brew-ery in a different direction.

In the end, only the emergency of a takeover approach last sum-mer forced Sir Paul to appoint an outside chief executive who demanded the obvious though perishing in the process. City fund managers, who hate privileged family dynasties with a passion that would have suited Robespierre, distrusted a last-minute buyout led by Sir Paul's brother Frank, who ran the brewery. Its fate was sealed.

Had modern capitalism worked as in the textbook, the transition at Vaux should at least have been more civilised. That does not mean it would be comfortable. The cuddly face is entrepreneurs having great ideas, expanding and creating jobs. The other, ugly but just as vital face of capitalism is market forces and efficient firms putting others out of business. It will al-

Reed Elsevier seeks to put its troubles firmly in the past

Latest board split highlights

longrunning

problems,

says Raymond Snoddy

ust when it seemed that things couldn't get any worse at Reed Elsevier. the international infor-mation and publishing group. they do. Two directors resign. the board is in turmoil and. most serious of all, the hunt for a new chief executive has stalled after a global search that has already lasted eight months. This comes on top of last year's scandal at Reed Travel Business, when the company had to make provisions of £200 million to compensate advertisers for inflated circulation claims for directories. The company has also been hit by the high cost of investing in the transition from paper to electronic publishing not to mention increasing competition in some of its key legal informa-

tion markets in the US. It was hardly surprising that the Reed International share price fell more than 4 per cent at one stage yesterday on news of the interrupted executive search. The surprise was that it did not fall even more sharply. Cynical analysts suggested yesterday that there was a floor for the share price based on the belief that if things got too bad the value could always be extracted hy a takeover.

Some investors were even heard to mutter that if the un-

cle of executive managers that runs the

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Publishing division: Reed Elsevier board members in 1994, from left, Nigel Stapleton, Ian Irvine, Lock van Vollenhoven and Pierre Vinken. Three have gone, along with Sir Peter Davis, top right. Morris Tabaksblat, bottom right, joins next week

wieldly Anglo-Dutch manage-ment structure continued to destroy value then it might be better to admit to an honest mistake and, after six years of Reed Elsevier, reverse the process

and go for a demerger. Perversely a number of senfor figures close to the comban were suggesting that Tuesday's special board meeting produced some rather good news. This follows the immediate resignations of Pierre Vinken, the 71-year-old former co-chairman, and Lock van Vollenhoven, who is 68. Though the resignations were largely symbolic their departure is seen as not before time. Despite his undoubted brilliance, Mr Vinken, a brain surgeon turned publisher who more than anyone was responsible for creating the modern Elsevier, has been held responsible for much of the tension at the too levels of the uni

ted company in recent years. It is believed that it was Mr Vinken, supported by his close associate Mr Van Vollenhoven. who in 1995 moved against Sir Peter Davis, now chief executive of Prudential Corporation, because he thought the British executive was getting "too big - the two were due to retire at for his boots". Sir Peter re-

Then came a falling out with Ian Irvine, the former Reed Elsevier co-chairman and nominated successor to Sir Peter. From the outside these splits

have been seen as a cultural clash between the British and Dutch ways of doing business. In truth, they are generational "Pierre and Loek were increasingly out of touch with mod-

ern publishing and modern corporate governance. Pierre thought you just put up the cov-er price and took in the money," one executive said yesterday. The two resigning directors

were not thought to be involved in the delays over the appointIn fact in their departing state-ments they cited "differences of opinion over the management of the recruitment process".

This obtuse statement has been interpreted to mean that. while they would have supported the appointement of the cholate, delieved to de Jonathan Newcomb, chairman and chief executive of Simon & Schuster, when Mr Newcombdecided not to accept the offer at the last minute this brought to the surface all the festering unhappiness that the two Dutch masters had about how the process had been handled. Mr Newcomb would certain-

With the main businesses performing well despite all the disappointments, it may be seen in retrospect that the turnround at Reed Elsevier began on Thursday April 15, 1999. ly have been well regarded by

BUSINESS LETTERS

Aviation agreement must be on basis of reciprocity

From members of the British to seize the advantages offered by genuine competition. Sir, The message to Rodney Slater, the US Secretary for Transportation, after his recent UK visit must be clear; any form of new US-UK aviation agreement must be on a basis of reciprocity. If the UK Government is to grant traffic rights to US carriers, the US Government must be prepared to grant access to the US

This has been the stance of the UK Government since initial negotiations began on means of liberalising international aviation regulations. We must not now back away from the challenge of creating a level playing field for all oper-ators. The onus lies with the UK Government to maintain their stance, and with the US

open skies be achieved. Yours faithfully. CHRISTOPHER FOYLE (British Cargo Airline Alliance). MIKE SPARHAM (British Airline Pilots' Association), RICHARD BRANSON (Virgin Atlantic), HOWARD DAVIES (British Air Transport Association), KEN SMITH (Air 2000). DANNY BERNSTEIN (Monarch), British Cargo Airline Alliance, 100 Rochester Row.

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by genuine competition.

Only through the resumption of negotiations can these

issues progress and only

Conflicting lines on tax change

From Mr M. C. Fitzpatrick Sir. You report ("IT experts fear Budget will spark brain drain". April 5) on the possible impact of the Budget changes to the use of so-called "personal service companies".

You explain that these changes will force highly paid freelancers (such as IT consultants) to become staff employees of the companies that they work for, instead of charging fees through taxefficient personal service companies. You report that many IT consultants might emigraie rainer inan pay ine extra tax. You further quote an Inland Revenue spokeswoman saying that the changes were intended to hit IT consult-

ants, but to "stop companies

raking away the rights of work-ers by paying them freelance less when they were effectively

full-time employees".

It is interesting to compare this spokeswoman's statement with page 13, line 28, of the 1999 Budget Red Book, which suggests that the changes will yield £850 million for the Treasury in their first two years of operation alone. Taking the spokeswoman's

statement at face value, this particular Red Book figure is presumably a misprint. Yours faithfully. . FIIZPAIKICK (Head of Economics. Chantrey Veilacott DFK), Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London, WCIB 5LF.

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Bad blood that can A history as successful business ventures between the two nations, the best examples of which are the Royal Dutch/Shell and Unilevflow across borders er groups. Both companies have dual parents, listed in Amsterdam and London with share prices that trade independently and both have an inner cir-

ant who led Royal Dutch Petroleum. Thus, Royal Dutch secured a majority 60 per cent share of the oil group, a struc-

Since the passing of the tyrannical Detharding, Shell has been run by a committee of managing directors, a consensus management system that

Detharding, the ruthless Dutch account- has come under enormous strain over the past five years as the company found its bureaucracy unwieldy and faction-ridden. Curiously, both Shell and Unilever

reformed their management structures three years ago, both seeking to focus on product lines, thus reducing the influence of regional structures.

A continental affection for consensus is giving way to the Anglo-American obsession with bottom-line responsibility. But, whereas Unilever's efforts to streamline the sprawling multinational have been largely successful. Shell has stumbled.

Perhaps the key difference between the two is the reluctance of Shell to appoint a chief executive with ultimate responsibility. Mark Moody Stuart, head of Shell's committee of managing directors, is primus inter pares rather than boss. At Unilever, no one doubts the authority of Niall FitzGer-ald. Reed Elsevier should take note.

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However, there is no love lost between the two sides; from its incep-tion in 1907, Shell was a product of the ture that remains to this day. profound respect that stems from bitter rivalry. Marcus Samuel, the East End Jewish trader who founded Shell Transport & Trading was outfoxed by Henri

New play

YOU cannot keep a good man down. The entrepreneur behind tonica, the mobile phone business that was one of the great corporate disasters of this decade, has quietly set up in business again.

Nigel Playford is operating out of a technology park next door to the old Ionica headquarters in Cambridge. He has set up Albera Networks. described on its nuscent website as "a telecoms consulting group specialising in wireless local loops".

This was what lonica spe-



Plans for Nigel: Playford has set up in business again

cialised in, of course, until last year when the receivers went in just 15 months after its stock market float. Playford is reckoned to have lost almost everything in that crash.

There is not much left of his creation except for the odd rusting base station in fields here and there and some unhappy investors who wish they had never heard of lonica. I ring to offer Playford my best wishes, but for some reason he is not returning calls.

I AM approached by Peter Warner, who reckons to be the, well, the cat's whiskers at drawing logos featuring cats. He has read the story in yesterday's Times about the group of banks and other financial services providers that want one such logo to show which of the new individual savings accounts, or Isas, meet the neces-

sarv Treasury criteria. Warner is keen to offer his services. He studied at the Royal Academy and then drifted into depictions of things feline after a career drawing children's books - he produced about 50. and my overdraft went up with every one". He is already responsible for



the Whiskas cat and the one on baxes of Go-Cat, this having been based on his surviving moggie Django. I wish him luck and point him in the right direction.

Handy hints CHARLES HANDY, the man-

agement guru, will address the annual Booksellers Association conference on Monday. This shows an uncommon degree of forgiveness, because last time Handy was invited to give his views, at the 1995 meet-

Handy is not a great fan of the business, thinking it aloof and slow to cope with change. Last time he upset delegates by telling them the end of the

what has happened to Michael O'Neill, the bank's Net Book Agreement would be a good thing. This time, according to an in-

terview with The Bookseller, he will be singing the praises of on-line retailers such as Amazon.com, which should go down equally well. Publishers. he says, are "even worse" than booksellers. "They haven't a clue how to sell books other than through bookshops."

A RETIRED corporate solicitor has just completed a bust of Marie Curie to be installed at the Marie Curie Cancer Care head office in Belgrave Square at the end of this

Frederick Parkhouse was senior counsel for Shell for 24 years, a job whose long hours required him to abandon an earlier hobby as a sculptor. He took it up again on his retirement five years ago. The Marie Curie request

came through the encouragement of his wife. Josephine, who does work for the charity. and took three or four months to complete. I ring to congratulate Parkhouse, who turns out to be celebrating his 70th birthday yesterday.

Bank on it GOOD news for Bardays

new chief executive. He will definitely, no question of it, without fail, start on Monday - two weeks late.

The reason for his delay was that he had to tie some

things up in the States - he hadn't finished his job there." says a Barclays source. But hang on, I thought he had flu? "Er, it's a mix of lots of different things really." Barclays

So as the saying goes, wornen have colds and men have flu. And high-powered American bankers have things to

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"Bet she couldn't find a chief staff, some of whom, I hear, are beginning to wonder just executive for Reed Elsevier



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Internet offers fast route to car sales

ost people find buying a car or searching for a new house a time-consuming and frustrating experience. The two activities also generally involve dealing with people - ie, car salesmen and estate agents - who do not seem to know or care about how technology can speed up their businesses and

make life easier for everyone involved. Yet both car dealers and estate agents face a significant threat from the Internet, which is allowing a new breed of technology-savvy entrepreneurs to flourish. In the case of buying a car, the Internet is having the most profound effect where you would expect it least — in the second-hand and classic car markets. Using a service such as autotrader.co.

consumers can gather almost perfect information about the market for the kind of car they are searching for. Autotrader. co.uk will also soon face competition in the form of Autobytel.com, a US company that is launching a UK service at the end of this month.

Sites of this kind allow potential buyers simply to enter the make and model of car they want (say, a BMW 5 series), how much they are willing to pay, and whether they would like to buy from a dealer or a private seller. They then enter their postcode, and tell the site how far from home they are willing to travel to buy the car.

Within seconds, the potential buyer can view an exhaustive list (including photographs) of all the BMW 5 series cars for sale within a given distance



from home, including prices and de-tailed descriptions of each vehicle. This kind of information gives a car buyer an enormous advantage, and is, at the moment at least, completely free, If a buyer is aware of all the cars for sale in a local area, he or she is in a very strong bargaining position. By

going back to a site such as autotrader.co.uk every day, they can also see how long a car has been on the market. A few dealers are tackling this threat by putting up their own sites showing pictures of their cars and giv-ing detailed descriptions of them. This will inevitably reassure buyers (after all, a garage can give details of other offers, such as warranties. etc). and is far more likely to entice someone into a showroom than a small advert on Autotrader's Internet site.

The Internet is also changing the way properties for sale and rent are being offered, via sites such as loot. com - an offshoot of Loot magazine which allow potential buyers to browse in the same way that car buyers can in autotrader.co.uk. Although

Loot's online layout is a bit confusing, it is relatively easy to browse through a sub-section (for example, houses for sale in northwest England), and then refine the search even further, for example, to look for three-bedroom houses for sale in the North West.

Loot also allows users to save a specific search and every time a new advert is placed with Loot that fits those search criteria it sends out an e-mail alerting the potential buyer.

□ Dell, the US computer manuface turer, has parted company with its advertising agency of 11 years, Moser O'Neill. The \$70 million (£43 million) contract will now be put "in review".

CHRIS AYRES

RAC's shortlist suggests sale of rescue service

DRESDNER Kleinwort Benson has whittled down potential buyers of the RAC to a shortlist of six as insiders indicate that a sale of the motoring organisation is more likely than a flotation.

The RAC, led by Sir Michael Angus, the new chairman, is officially sticking to its "twintrack strategy" of having its adviser. DKB, and its broker. Cazenove, continuing to look at the options of whether to float or sell to a single buyer in order to get the best return for its 12,000 shareholders.

insiders, however, are admitting that the recent sharp decline in the number of stock market flotations and the high-profile problems that sur-rounded the offer of William Hill, the bookmaker, indicate that a sale would not only be quicker but that it could also raise more cash.

The RAC's shareholders the 12,000 members of the RAC gentlemen's club in London's Pail Mall from which the motoring organisation has now been split - are hoping for windfalls of about £35,000 apiece when the business eventually changes hands.

Cendant, the US group that owns Green Flag, had bid £450 million for the RAC, but the takeover was blocked by the Department of Trade and Industry on competition

grounds According to John Williams. of Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the investment bank adviser is drawing up a shortlist that will evenly balance potential trade buyers and financial

The would-be buyers in-clude Ford, the US motor company, and Cinven, the City venture capitalist.

RAC yesterday revealed that the costs of its reorganisation



The RAC's Pail Mali base

sent the business into the red

Pre-tax profits on normal activities rose by 45 per cent to E24.7 million on turnover mostly subscriptions from members - which increased by 15 per cent to £310 million. But the business was hit by

a raft of exceptional items amounting to £35.2 million. leaving the RAC with a pre-tax loss of £10.5 million for the

More than half the costs -£18.5 million - relate to a oneoff endowment to the Pall Mall club so that it can continue to act as a lobby organisation on motoring issues. However, about a further £9 million has to be spent on advisers dealing with the reorganisation. The RAC said that it had

also made a £2.1 million provision against former members of the Pall Mail club taking le-gal action to get a share of the members' windfall.

The organisation said that there had been a further £3.8 million of continuing integration and start-up costs respectively from its takeover of BSM and its joint venture with Trafficmaster. There were also £1.5 million of year 2000 com-



Frank Walker, Guiton chairman, issued a costs warning

Guiton profits ahead

GUITON GROUP, the Channel Islands newspaper publisher that bought the Guernsev Evening Press at the end of last year to go alongside its Jersey Evening Post, said profits were up by 10 per cent last year. It gave warning, howev-

er, that the costs of integrating the businesses would hit this year's profits. Pre-tax profits for 1998 came in at £4.3 million, and the company is raising the final dividend to 3.44p (3.13p) for a 10 per cent uplift in the total dividend to 5.64p.

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Friendly **Hotels** books **52% rise**

By DOMINIC WALSH

SHARES in Friendly Hotels, the midmarket hotelier, continued their recent rise, gaining almost 10 per cent on the back of strong 1998 results and robust current trading.

A combination of acquisi-tions and organic growth pushed profits before tax and exceptionals up 52 per cent to £7.4 million from turnover 28 per cent higher at £77.8 million. Headline earnings per share reached 16.4p (11.9p) and the final dividend of 4p makes a

total of 6.3p (5.9p).

Friendly's shares, which hit a low of 93p in February. gained 15p on the day to 1381/2p. Like-for-like sales in the UK were up 16 per cent, with revenue per available room rising II per cent. In the first quarter of 1999 the trend continued, with room occupancy up two percentage points to just over 59 per cent and the average room rate rising II per cent.

At the start of the year Friendly acquired the European master franchise for Choice Hotels International, giving it rights to such brands as Clarion, Comfort and Quality. It also paid Choice £16.1 million for 13 owned, leased and managed hotels. taking its total to 71, of which 44 are in the UK. It also has almost 300 franchises.

Tony Potter, chief executive and acting chairman, said that, in contrast to the Gulf War, the Yugoslavian crisis was having little impact on business.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Scottish software centre for US bank

IP MORGAN, the US investment bank, is to create 300 IT jobs in Scotland with the setting-up of a software applications development centre to design and develop systems to support the bank's European financial services operations. Although a location has yet to be found the bank wants to set up the operation — in which it is to invest [7.3] million - in the centre of Glasgow. JP Morgan will be hiring highly skilled software engineers, the bank said.

A spokesman for JP Morgan Europe said: "We have chosen to establish a technology centre of excellence in Scotland because it has a mature IT infrastructure and a rich supply of high-quality technology professionals." He added that the new centre will "combine the best of both investment banking and software house cultures". Donald Dewar, the Secretary of State for Scotland, said the decisjon to base the centre in Glasgow came after he met JP Morgan executives in New York. Another US investment bank, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, will today announce a new development at Cumbernauld, Strathelyde, creating 1,000 new jobs.

Midland's Malta deal

MIDLAND BANK, the HSBC Holdings subsidiary, plans to buy a 67 per cent stake in Mid-Med Bank, the biggest bank in Malta, from the Maltese Government. The bank had a net asset value of about \$183 million (E114 million) on September 30, and 60 offices and branches and 1,800 staff. HSBC shares leapt 102p to £22.05 yesterday. The sale is part of a strategy by the Maltese Government gradually to sell its interests in various industries, A Midland spokesman said that the bank would announce further details of the acquisition in a few weeks. Midland was the only bank interested in buying the stake in Mid-Med.

Citadel back in black

CITADEL HOLDINGS, the investor in French property that is quoted on the Alternative Investment Market, said that it made profits of E3 million in 1998 against a loss of £100,000 the previous year. Sten Mortstedt, chairman, said that the company would continue its strategy of acquiring modern, well-located properties in Paris and Lyon. The improvement in the French property market halped to raise the company's net asset value by 33 per cent to 142.1p. The dividend for the year rises to 3p from 0.5p. Citadel shares were unchanged yesterday at 954p.

MoD prefers Cobham

COBHAM, the defence aerospace group, said yesterday that it had been named as the preferred bidder for the Ministry of Defence's electronic warfare training services contract. Cobhara's FR Aviation currently operates the contract, which is due for renewal in May 2000. The company said that, although negotations were continuing, if FR got the renewal it would be worth more than £200 million over the ten-year life of the deal.

Blockleys slips into red

BLOCKLEYS, the brickmaker that recently saw off a hostile bid from Natural Building Materials, slipped into the red last year after a downturn in sales. A 10 per cent decline near the end of the year saw 1998 turnover fall to £9.4 million (£10.3 million). The group recorded a trading loss of £102,000, but after interest payments and the £450,000 cost of defending the bid the loss was El million, against a pre-tax profit of £230,000 in 1997. The final dividend is cut to 0.15p, giving a total of 0.3p (0.45p).

ACCOUNTANCY

Shearer gives lesson in strategy

When it comes to budgeting, copy

England, says Robert Bittlestone

Three quarters of the way through the recent Eng-land v Poland football match viewers were surprised to see players huddled in conference while the game continued on the pitch beside them. Anparently they had stopped for a discussion about their objectives for the next game. "We always prepare a detailed plan," said Alan Shearer, "otherwise the players won't know what's expected of them when we play Bulgaria in June."

An unlikely scenario, but that is what happens in big corporations every year. Several months before year end, the ritual war dance called Annual Budgeting begins. Determining next year's objectives occupies about three months - time that is lost from the task of

meeting this year's objectives. In a December year end company the first activity is at the end of the summer when the budget briefing pack is issued. By September the first draft of the budget is required from subsidiaries, in October there is preliminary management comment and in November detailed submission and review. culminating in board approval. If the business has a matrix structure involving international product groups or customer segments as well as geographical subsidiaries, there are addi-

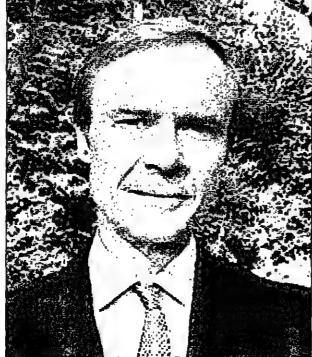
tional layers of complexity. Most of this time is spent in accessing data, creating budget spreadsheets and revising them

as required. Relatively little "quality" time is spent in thinking through the fundamental drivers of the business and debating ways in which new decisions could improve the bottom line. Little time is left also to incorporate new goals such as optimising shareholder value. The process invites political

manipulation for any executive whose bonus depends on meeting a negotiated target. It is so much less exhausting to reduce a target than to improve achievement: even Alan Shear-er must dream of being able to shift the goalposts. Some of the hallowed techniques include: submitting a low forecast for the current year end and then beating it, while conveniently omitting to clarify that the budgeted 20 per cent growth for next year is now really only 12 per cent: creative accounting that releases profit from the halance sheet by manipulating provisions; and faralistic masochism which yields under duress to a head office-imposed budget and then takes positive

delight in saying "we told you so" when it is missed next year. So how can we escape this corporate nightmare? Here are some practical alternatives being adopted by a growing num-

ber of large corporations: The world does not stop at midnight on December 31. We should refuse to allow our common sense to be overruled by the proponents of financial eschatology. Instead, we should



Robert Bittlestone predicts a watershed in budgeting

establish a continuous forecast on a 12 or 24-month ahead rolling basis. The future cannot be predicted exactly, so we should explicitly incorporate a risk range of possible outcomes in forecasts, rather than a single

Performance rewards should be based on beating historic performance and our competitors' achievement, not on budget negotiation skills. If we pay people based on growth against last year set against a benchmark of our competitors' results, then

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

the political aspects of budgetsetting become irrelevant. Interactive graphic models

should be used to make explicit the linkage between cause and effect. We should use modern technology to help us to visualise immediately the effect on shareholder value of, say, a reduction in customer payment period from 60 to 40 days. Automation of these aspects cuts out weeks of "back office" data churning and involves the executive team in visualising the financial dynamics of their busi-

have inherited genes that code for partiality to numeric presentation. However, behavioural studies make it clear that most line managers do not share the same genes and do not digest

> apart perhaps for e-mail. Even that still has its sceptics. But the approaching millennium is a cross-over year in this regard: newly appointed managers in their early thirties have been educated since the 1980s to use computers themselves. By 2005 this microprocessing meteorite will have eradicated the last of the dinosaurs and there will be no more excuses for dedicating a quarter of every year to the production of next year's budgdon't intend to wait until then.

> > Robert Bittlestone is managing director of Metapraxis Ltd.

Chinese walls must be built to last

THE one clincher that clients put forward against Pannell Kerr Forster on a similar when arguing against the further consolidation of accountancy firms is that of conflict of interest. With only a Big Five group of firms, companies find it an immensely complicated task to select an adviser - in even the simplest of cases -

who is not "conflicted out". . When it comes to court work, such as that of expert witnesses, this was not quite so much of a problem. The half a dozen or so firms in the mid-tier were perfectly capable of providing help without much likelihood of problems.

But even they are now starting to consolidate, and the latest efforts to merge, by Robson Rhodes and Pannell Kerr Forster, have provoked a court action that is likely to provide the best guidance that professional firms throughout the City need on Chinese

Whereas the case of KPMG and Prince Jefri Bolkiah, the brother of the Sultan of Brunei, last December dealt with the problems of an overlap of clients, the new case deals with the much more likely problem of professional firms failing

over each other. The Prince Jefri case provides a warning to firms. But it is one of greed. KPMG fell into the trap by behaving like characters from an old *Tom and Jerry* cartoon. As soon as the words Sultan of Brunei

came up, their eyes started revolving like cash registers. They knew that there was bound to be a conflict. But all those fees...there had to be a way to get

around the conflict.
But as the House of Lords finally ruled last December, there was not. Partly this was because of the sheer number of people within KPMG who had worked on the original Prince Jefri project. When it comes to 12 partners, 15 directors, 9 consultants, 43 managers and 18 assistant managers, and a small amount of more than £4 million in fees, it is going to be very difficult to ring-fence that lot when another project to investigate its workings comes into the office.

The lesson learnt in future will simply be that professional firms just don't take up such assignments. But the Robson Rhodes case is differ-

ent. Their partner, Frank Attwood, who had triumphed over Ernst & Young in the Merretts case, was asked by a group of Lloyd's names to act as an expert witness to that simple adage.

case. He did so. The work started.

Then came the news that Robsons intended merging with Pannells. Attwood said that they would have to resign the work. The syndicate took him and the firm to court and argued that this would be a breach of contract. The syndicate won. And the judge imposed a series of conditions laying down how confidentiality was to work, assuming the merger is voted through by partners.

One of the conditions is that neither of the partners involved can attend partners' meetings during the period of the action. As a result, neither Frank Attwood nor his fellow partner, Hosein Hamedani, can go to the partners' meeting which will vote

> But the process is aided by the fact that it involves a very small team of people. It is more manageable. And the process is also aided by the fact that the judge refined Lord Millett's judgment in the Prince Jefri case. Lord Millett said then that "in my opinion, an effective Chinese wall needs to be an established part of the organisational structure of the firm, not created ad hoc and dependent on the acceptance of evidence sworn for the purpose by members of staff

ROBERT BRUCE

engaged on the relevant

But in the Robson Rhodes judgment, Mr Justice Laddie says: "The crucial question is will the barriers work? If they do, it does not mat-ter whether they were created before the problem arose or are erected afterwards. "It seems to me that all Lord Millett was

saying was that Chinese walls which have become part of the fabric of the institution are more likely to work than those artifi-cially put in place to meet a one-off

So what now appears to be acceptable is that Attwood and his team have to work in a separate building, not take part in partnership affairs and have all their documentation removed and held at the firm's solicitors.

In short, the Chinese walls should be effective and rigorous and be seen by the outside world to be serious. Professional firms should, in short, behave professionally. There is nothing new in that sentiment. But professional firms, be they lawyers, accountants or whoever, would do themselves several favours by sticking

More pressing concerns

IT WAS, of course, the power of the press. This week the effort by Arthur Andersen to poach the KPMG practice in Canada was aborted amid a welter of recriminations. But those in the know suggest that one of the reasons is that press barons like to keep their own company. Rupert Murdoch is chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, parent company of The Times, and News Corp is audited by Arthur Andersen.

meetings as a result of being

Conrad Black, whose Hollinger company owns The Daily Telegraph among other publications, has KPMG Canada as auditors. It is thought that he preferred to stick to the idea that never the twain should meet.

Party on

AT LEAST Robson Rhodes partner Frank Attwood will be able to go to the odd Christmas party this year. Having been barred from partners' Rhodes who, for part of his

an expert witness in a case in which a Lloyd's syndicate is suing Robson's new merger partner. Pannell Kerr Forster, the Chinese walls do not go as far as that. He will still be allowed a social life. The judgment that defines the relevent restrictions considered the hypothetical idea of preventing Attwood "meeting at a Christmas party another partner of Robson

time, happens to work with an ex-Pannell Kerr Forster partner who is, or was, connected in some way with the Svndicate litigation". Fortunately for Attwood, Mr Justice Laddie decided that in his view "that goes far beyond preventing leakage of information and extends into the realm of the fanciful and theoretical".

Anticlimax WHEN Gordon Brown be-

came Chancellor of the Exchequer we heard much in favour of the idea of a general anti-avoidance rule, a GAAR, to curb the antisocial behaviour of tax advisers who preferred to help taxpayers to keep their money rather than giving too much of it to the Treasury. Now the impracticalities of

ers are looking out for the Chan-cellor's holiday plans. Portugal has just introduced a GAAR. ROBERT BRUCE

such a rule have sunk in, there

has been much less rattling of

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NEW MOVIES: John Travolta's yuppie lawyer keeps James Christopher gripped, even without any nymphomaniacs

Legal eagle, has a flutter

none of the Hollywood ingredients of a great courtroom thriller. There are no psychotic attorneys, no heart-clutching car chases, no nymphomaniacs. The film is an old-fash-ioned slow-burner, based on a small environmental catastrophe in one of the most boring bits of New England that God created. I've been there. The town of Woburn is stretched out like a road-kill beside an anonymous motorway.

Yet A Civil Action is the most compelling legal drama I've seen in years. Part of the fascination is undoubtedly the fact that it is based on a real case, expertly documented in Jonathan Harr's bestselling novel. But the reason the film grips is an alarming national conviction that courts in America have more in common with casinos than democracy.

Travolta's plump ambu-lance-chaser. Jan Schlichtmann, never less go of the analogy. As the case unfolds his voiceover unleashes statistics, calls the odds and places the bets. The case itself is utterly self-evident. Local chemical companies have been illegally dumping toxic waste into the ground for years. The chemi-cals have dribbled into the water system, and eight families have suffered the deaths of children, mental deficiencies, and leukaemia.

The task of proving anything is an entirely different matter. Stuffed into an expensive Italian suit, Travolta's slick Boston yuppie initially resists the action. But compelled by his crusading sense of vaniry, he breaks all his own rules and finds himself squaring up to companies with no scruples and very deep pockets. Worse. he finds himself squaring up to Robert Duvall's wilv defence lawyer in a titanic battle of nerve. The director Steven

Zaillian casts brilliantly. There is the usual spread of villains and victims, the slow drip of evidence being collected, and the sight of witnesses (Stephen Fry and Tony Shal-houb) being squeezed like sponges. But it's the exhilarating clash of egos and styles that proves so compelling. Travolta milks the jury, while Du-vall's shrivelled old-timer coolly beguiles the judge. Duvall is terrifying because he never seems to be there, even when he is there. Apart from the sly self-demeaning chuckle, he does little but Sellotape his battered briefcase, play with pens, eat his packed lunches, and listen to the Red Sox game on his transistor.

Shot with claustrophobic formality in oak-stained courtrooms, stuffy Boston clubs and swanky hotel suites, the film eleverly pricks away at more deep-seated insecurities. Travolta, obsessed as he is by exposing the truth, is derailed by pride. Haemorrhaging money it hasn't got, Travolta's practice plunges towards bankruptcy. One of the great impon-

A Civil Action Empire 15, 115 mins Meaty courtroom drama with John Travolta and Robert Duvall

Bedrooms and Hallways **UCI** Whiteleys 15, 96 mins Playful comedy about male bonding The Faculty

Warner Village West 15. 104 mins Fishy sci-fi chiller with high comedy quota Nô

Barbican 15. 85 mins A slick, seductive conjuring trick from Robert Lepage The Red Violin

Odeon Haymarket 15, 130 mins Ripping yarn with spooky violin Slam Metro

15, 99 mins The gritty, enthralling world of a rap poet Orgazmo

18, 90 mins

Slapstick on a porno set

derables is why his hapless partners (led by the excellent William H. Macy) allow themselves to be sucked into the abyss, Travolta is still swatting away multimillion-dollar settlements — the Holy Grails of his practice — as the bailiffs move into their offices. A portrait of an heroic idealist, or the reckless stand of an egomaniac? Draw your own conclusions.

Rose Troche's romantic, London-based comedy, Bed-rooms and Hallways, slots neatly between David Kane's This Year's Love and the forthcoming Notting Hill. Simon Callow has never been so funny. or so speciacularly miscast, as a heterosexual New Age svengali who runs a male support group. Every week the club meet in his Tibetan room to contemplate the spiritual business of being male. "Will you pass Terry the harpoon please?" he croons as another acolyte struggles with his in-ner demons. The macho dy-namics are hilariously short-circuited when Kevin Mc-Kidd's grumpy Leo is physically attracted to James Purefoy's hunky Brendan. Chaos, jealousy and homophobia divide

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wire. The delectable Jennifer Ehle comes knocking at Mc-Kidd's door, and discovers that her first boyfriend is hav-ing an affair with her recent ex. Troche pushes the film towards outright farce with her kitsch cutaways to McKidd's pina colada fantasies. But it is splendidly salvaged by memo-rable cameos from a raft of bitchy British thesps, notably Torn Hollander, Hugo Weav-

> Personality disorder of the week goes to The Faculty in charge of a decrepit high school in Ohio. The football coach is psychotic, the history teacher is a chronic alcoholic, and the English tutor is in serious need of therapy. So far, so perfectly normal, until the faculty is invaded by alien squid foetuses from outer space. The red parasites crawl into ears, wriggle around under the skin and; in moments of high excite-ment, explode out of faces like glant catfish.

ing and Harriet Walter.

Amazingly, none of the pupils seems to care apart from the school geek, Elijah Wood. Kevin Williamson, the scribe behind the Post-Modern teen horror Scream, provides another trainspotter's medley of horror cliches. The surprise is that it's actually quite enter-taining in the "who's next for calimari?" vein, as the director. Robert Rodriguez, flogs the creeping paranoia with seat-clutching wit.

Robert Lepage's third fea-ture, No, is a self-contained chunk of his dazzling sevenhour stage epic. Seven Streams of the River Ota. A gawky actress (Anne-Marie Cadieux) plays a shutish maid in a ridiculous Feydeau farce chosen to represent Canada at the 1970 World Fair in Osaka. Her boyfriend (Alexis Martin) makes bombs for the Quebec separatist movement in his flat in Montreal. From these unpromising ingredients Lepare fashions a supple black comedy. There are ingenious sleights of hand, but little hard evidence as to what exactly is going on. Whar's left is a psychedelic chain of associations and a lot of intriguing ques-

nated François Girard's best work, notably Thirty Two Short Films About Glenn Gould. In The Red Violin. it is a musical instrument that obsesses the director. The violin, varnished with a dead woman's blood, turns successive fiddlers into the Jimi Hendrix of their age. It's a wildly romantic, utterly corny fable that spans three centuries, five languages and several continents. But like the violin itself, the film is spookily hard to put

The action pivots around an auction room in Montreal. Between bids, the film flashes through the past owners like an episodic thriller. Shifts of time and place are cleverty



Mug shots: Robert Duvall and John Travolta are on opposite sides in Steven Zaillian's compelling fact-based courtroom drama, A Civil Action

counterpointed by shifts in musical styles (John Corigliano). But there isn't a single frame that aspires to anything more substantial than shameless myth-making. Jason Flemyng's Byronic genius cradles between his naked thighs. Greta Scaochi's lamentable Pre-Raphaelite tears her

it. Samuel L. Jackson's American specialist droots over its quality. A ripping yarn, if not ripping art.

Justice gets its second mauling of the week in Marc Levin's Slam, a fierce film that documents the fears of a black poet who gets sucked into the prison system on a minor drugs charge. Saul Williams puts in a hair-raising perform-ance as the dreadlocked poet who keeps the prison-yard meat-heads at bay with bursts of rapping eloquence. If his stand is somewhat crudely overlaid with symbolism, the urgency with which it's filmed is not. Williams, a gaunt, troubled presence, makes a sensational screen debut. The gritty,

documentary style frames his edgy performance without lionising it. The film has already picked off two top festival awards at Cannes and Sundance. I won't be remotely sur-

prised if it picks up more.

Even garbage collectors might choke on Trey Parker's spoof of the LA porn industry, Orgazmo. A Bible-thumping

'A FEAST OF FINE ACTING ESPECIALLY BY

Mormon (Parker) ends up in a porn flick, dressed as a caped crusader. His diminutive sidekick, Ben Chapleski, sports a giant phallus on top of his head and launches himself at naked women. Parker's insuf-ferable fiancée nearly expires with shock. To say I nearly expired with excitement would be deeply misleading.

NEW ON VIDEO

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ILE BOSSU Pathé, 15, 1997

FRENCH cinema likes this swashbuckling tale of honour. greed and revenge in the early 18th century: this is its sixth remake. It makes excellent material for Daniel Auteuil and Fabrice Luchini, perfectly cast as a dashing sword-for-hire and the villain who grabs wealth and a title. Philippe de Broca's film lacks the visual finesse of Cyrano de Bergerac, but its humour, good spirits and rousing swordplay pro-vide many other delights. Marie Gillan adds the feminine touch. To buy or rent.

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Columbia TriStar, 15, 1997 VINCENT GALLO stars in and makes his quirky directing debut with this wayward tale of a malcontent convict returning home to his unresponsive parents in Buffalo, New York. Along the way he kidnaps a tap-dancing student (a great performance from Chris-tina Ricci) and gets her to pose as his wife. Gallo the director indulges Gallo the actor rather too much, but a good first feature. Available to rent.

FRIMARY COLORS CIC, 15, 1998

REAL events may have over-taken this slick account of a Clintonesque Governor's scandal-ridden race to the White House. But nothing has erod-ed the finely pitched perform-ances, nor director Mike Nichols's skill in juggling his bus-tling characters. John Travolta is convincingly charismatic as the would-be President with a silver tongue and a fatal attraction for the opposite sex, while Emma Thompson hits all the right notes as his sharp cookie of a wife. A rental release.

RIEN NE VA PLUS Artificial Eye, 15, 1997 ISABELLE HUPPERT and Michel Serrault would be worth watching even if they did nothing but stand at a bus stop, though you still wish Claude Chabrol, the director. had filled this comedy thriller with something more worth their time. They play an illmatched couple of swindlers who get into deeper water than usual with an international money scam. Lots of fun early on, full of piquant human observations; -but boredom creeps in once the scam moves in. Chabrol's fiftieth feature.

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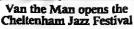
ROYAL PHILMARIMONIC ORCHESTRA: The sense contrasting Berg and Brahms continues with Daniele Gattl conducting Berg's Violin Concerto (sofiets Mark (Rapkar) and two works by Brahms: Variations on a theme by Haydn and the Third Symphony. Barbican (0171-638 8891), Tonight, 7 30pm.

BLOOD KNOT Berry Waltman and Gordon Case star in Athol Fugard's updated version of his celebrated black and white brothers play. Withred Budd offrom. Riverside Studios (0181-237 1111). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. (2)

ELSEWHERE

CHELTENHAMI: Veteran rocker-cum-jazzman, Van Morrison, kicks off the International Jazz Festival here. The gravel-voiced singer is joined on stage by a live band headed by saxophonial Pee Wee Ellis (Town Hall, bright, 7.15pm and 9.15pm). The testival continues until Sunday with contribu-tions from Humphrey Lyttletton, Chick Corea, Django Bates and many more. Festival Box Office (0.1242, 227979).

GLASGOW: The Royal Scottish National Orchestra concludes its Discovery Senes with an evening of British music. Purcell opens the programme followed by the Scottish premere of Tippett's colocular The Rose Lake, Walton's Cello Concario, performed by Raphael Waltifisch, and



Britten's Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra. James Loughran conducts. Royal Concert Half (0141-287 5511). Tonight, ?pm.

MANCHESTER: Soprano Rebecca Evans Joine the Hallé Orchestra as soloist in Britlan's Les Burninations Two symphonies follow: Mozart's Ling and Beethover's Froica, The conductor is Iona Brown, Bridgewither Hall (0161-907 9000). Topicht, 7 20nm (9)

OXFORD: After an extended London nur Fascinating Alda's labest show, Barelaced Chic, arrives in town for three nights of topical satire and song. Playhouse (01865 798600). Tonight and Sel, 7.30pm, Tomorrow, 8pm. ©

NEW WEST END SHOWS

N. MANNIA MIAI: Musical based on the songs of Abba: Slobhan McCarthy and Lisa Stokke play mother and daughter on the eve of the girl's wedding. Phylidia Lloyd directs, Sea review, right, Prince Edward (0171-447 5400).

☐ ROBERTO ZUCCO: James Macdonald's acclaimed Stratford production of Bornard-Marie Kolle measmensing drama. Zubin Varia plays the latter hero. På (0171-638 8891).

THE GIN GAME: Dorothy Tunn and Josa Acidend play old tolk in a nationment home whose card-playing styles actor they sad lives. Finith Banbury directs a surprising Pufitzer

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THE COLONEL BIRD: Bulgarier author Hristo Boytchev's award-win-ning play about an asylum taken over by the lunatics. Rupert Gould directs. Gate (0171-229 0706).

rey'll new play two second-generation trish lads from NW3 meet again after years astranged, Edward Half directs. Ambassadors (0171-555 5000). GROSS INDECENCY: The Three

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PLUNKETT & MACLEANE (15): Joke Scott's 18th-century ewashbuckler is closer in Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid than The Rake's Progress With Robert Cartyle and

BLAST PROM THE PAST (12): Ingenious comedy about a man (Brendan Freser) released after 35 years in a nuclear bunker. His 1950s values make him fook mystical, m and blindingly naive in the sleazy 1990s. Bit Kelly directs.

BEYOND SILENCE (12): Plucky performances can't save this: a tortuous trawl through a German somp in which a young girl tries to get rents. Caroline Link directs

THE NIGHT OF THE HUNTER (12): Charles Laughton's one and only stab at directing is a Tom Sawyer

is unforgettable. An absolute classic

AUGUST IN THE WATER (ICA): You could hang Sogo Ishif's survey Japanese science Scion in the Tate. It's a beautiful, inscrutable look at a city epidemic that turns the guts to stone

CURRENT

GODS AND MONSTERS (15): Ian McKellen excels as a legendary horror movie director who grooms his gardener (Brendan Fraser) for a role far darker than that of over-musicled

AMERICAN HISTORY X (18): Edward Kaye's lavish, controversial but ed attempt to get under the skir

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Tonic for troupers

magine you decided to slot Ring-a-Roses, The Grand Old Duke of York, Hushabye Baby and a score of other nursery hums into a musical play about the intricacies of bee-keeping or the perils of hang-gliding. You would have set yourself a challenge only a little more taxing than that facing the creators of Mamma Mia!, who are celebrating the 25th anniversary of Abba's Eurovision Song Contest triumph by cramming 20 or so of their numbers into an endearingly preposterous tale about a bride's search for her dad.

How does this exercise in creative shoehorning work? Well, take the cel-ebrated title song, which most people would assume to be all about a child's ambivalent feelings for a maddening mum. Here it is the mother who is singing that she's broken-hearted, blue since the day we parted. Here, the joint objects of her woe are the three men she loved and lost 21 years ago. And, believe it or not, it is they who chorus all that guff about taking one look, hearing a bell ring

and forgetting everything.
Fortunately, our librettist is Catherine Johnson, who has a nice, naff story to tell and her tongue stuck so far into her cheek it tumbles out of an ear and down to a knee. How else would she get away with setting her story in and around a white-plastered taverna on an Aegean island where there are no suntans, no music that doesn't hie from Sweden, and, apart from a priest dressed as an Anglican vicar, nary a Greek to be seen? How else would she get away with that story?

Lisa Stokke's sweet young Sophie has belatedly twigged that her long-missing, long-unmentioned Pa is either a banker, an architect or a travel-writer. So she secretly invites all three to her wedding in hopes of discovering which of them should be giving her away. This comes as rather a

The Duke's centenary

up nicely. Serious collectors

will be rummaging through

the 24 discs in RCA's new Cen-

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Marsalis pays his own tribute with his Lincoln Centre Jazz

Pete Long's anorak-free orches-

tra. Echoes of Ellington, will al-

ways be around to supply

some perspective. There is

never any doubting Long's

commitment to the cause, but

the irreverent freewheeling

mood he generates on the

bandstand also reminds us

that, for Ellington, composi-

tion was not something to be

pondered on Mt Olympus but

a hectic work-in-progress to be

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never less than convivial -

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falls this month, and

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shock to her mother Donna. Take an educated guess at the reaction of Siobhan McCarthy, the splendidly feisty, full-voiced actress who plays the part. That's right, it is to launch into the song SOS with the most appealing of the candidates, Hilton Macrae's ar-chitect: I wish I understood, our love used to be so good, etc, etc.

As many another number re-emphasises, lyrics were never Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus's strength. It was the pounding rhythms that mattered, along with melodies that remained relentlessly upbeat whatever the emotional provocation. Time after time on the first night the familiar sounds were greeted with applause and knowing laugh-ter. After all, to follow Donna's col-lapse in dismay with Chiquitita — "tell me the truth. I'm a shoulder you can cry on, your best friend and the one you must rely on" — is quite a jolly in-joke, especially when the song is robustly rendered by Louise Plowright and Jenny Galloway.

Yes, and before a setting moon twice as big as Naxos has brought Phyllida Lloyd's bouncy production to a suitably improbable close, we somehow contrive to hear Money. Money, Money, Super Trouper and lots more. For that, Abba fans will doubtless forgive anything. And with so much fun in the theatrical air, the rest of us might as well indulge them.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

● This review appeared in late editions of The Times yesterday



Putting up his Dukes



the Cotton Club or the barnstorming ambience of the Newport Festival shows - the choice of material yeers a long way from the standard greatest-bits package

True, we did get Take the A-Train, yet even here Long looked to an offbeat source, resurrecting the pungent arrangement that Billy Strayhorn scribbled out at short notice for the Songbook album with Ella Fitzgerald. Patricia Revell handled the vocals with cool flair: Bruce Adams added a playful muted trumpet solo.

Revell was back on hand for Rose of the Rio Grande, an ancient Harry Warren hit which found its way on to the pro-gramme for Ellington's historic Carnegie Hall concert of 1943, but the jaunty melody sat uneasily alongside Ellington's

Rockin in Rhythm had set the evening off on a familiar note, but the programme continually sprang surprises. Ellington's very first tune, Soda Fountain Rag, was recreated by Don Innes at the piano, and the orchestra plunged convincingly into the funereal harmonies of Mercer Ellington's Blue Serge.

The Blanton-Webster band of the early 1940s served as a touchstone, but the time-travelling delved further back on Rent Party Blues, initially propelled by Clark Tracey's quaint two-beat pulse on the cymbal.

Trombones and reeds did not always mesh, and the recently rediscovered closing number by Strayborn, Pentonsilic. outstayed its welcome. But the spirit of the music came through loud and clear.

The posite than poetry and dance. The one speaks directly from the mind, the other directly from the body. So what happens when you put them together, as this year's Spring Loaded festival at London's Place Theatre has done? Not a lot, as it happens, because this innovative event, which

thrown away the opportunity to make something of itself. The poetry comes courtesy of John Hegley, a very funny man, and even funnier on stage than on the page. His poems, many about growing up in Luton, are packaged as comedy but carry a bite. Beneath the bass line of his pleasantly silly rhymes lurks a clutch of astringent arrows. Hegley fires them with maximum accuracy and timing; just when

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he turns it around in a flash. His verse is the most commendable offering in a twohour revue that sees the comedian acting as both compere and star attraction. The dance is represented by several short duets of little import, along CLIVE DAVIS | with two longer chunks of

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dance theatre. In the best tradition of variety entertainment, a little music is thrown in along with a couple of cabbages - chucked at the audience at the show's start just to ensure we are awake when the lurid red house lights dim. Potatoes come later, part of Hegley's reprise of last year's Dances With Potatoes.

The only substantial dance is Cinder Reilly, a goofy retelling of the Cinderella tale performed by the Irish dance theatre company Clerkinworks. They tap their way saucily

through a mildly entertaining spoof in which Cinders gets less than she bargained for. The jokes are thin; the choreography even thinner. Wendy Houston gets the sec-

ond half's centrepiece. Her Happy Hour is "15 minutes of some bits of a longer piece" and we can only be grateful that we were not subjected to the fully monty. In this display

If Hegley's own meagre contribution to the proceedings is any indication, he views dance merely as physical punctuation to his words. He moves with an intriguing flexibility and intelligence, but shows no understanding of what it is that dance can say and words cannot. And if the bard of Luton is so interested in dance why has he surrounded himself with such second-rate acts?

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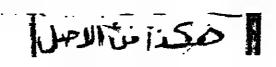
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f ever a pocket cartoon summed up a man's achievement, it was the celebrated one carried by The New Yorker a few years ago. It showed a parrot listen-ing to the radio. Out of the airwaves came the announcer's woice: "That was the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields ..." Quick as a flash, the parrot chirped in: "... conducted by Sir Neville Marriner."

There was indeed a time when this majestic combo seemed intent on recording everything and touring everywhere. Ask Marriner how many pieces he has recorded and he answers, with delightful nonchalance: "Oh, someone totted them up once, but they lost count after 1,600."

Today, with the record industry much shrunken, the Academy's dominance is less marked - but it remains the most famous chamber orchestra in the world. Time, then, to celebrate Marriner's achievement, for next week a Festival Hall concert marks not only his own 75th birthday but also the 40th anniversary of the auspicious moment when he founded the ensemble that transformed orchestral stand-

<u> مرتبعتو</u>

The London music scene of the 1950s was very different from today's: less disciplined, more ebuilient. For a while Marriner, an LSO violinist, arked about with the best of hem. "I used to travel to conerts with a violinist called Petr Gibbs, who had been an IAF pilot and owned a Tiger Noth," he recalls. "One day we took a lot of flour-bags up with us and bombed the LSO lus on the road from Brussels Ostend, I don't think I could plerate players like that in my

rchestra now." But something in Marriner ebelled against this easyoing scene. The concept of the cademy began innocuously usly at first," he says. "We sed to gather in my flat to lay chamber music for fun. hen our keyboard player, ack Churchill, who was muic director at St Martin-inhe-Fields Church, suggested hat we give a concert there afet a service. He said strag-lers were always hanging round, hoping to keep warm.

"Well, we discussed names n the pub. We weren't big enough to be called an orchesira, and we hated the word 'ensemble'. Then the vicar said: You know that around the Strand in the 18th century there were clubs called academies, for people with similar interests in the arts or sciences?" We said: 'Fine, we'll call ourselves the Academy.' Then he said: Don't forget the with this ridiculous name."

Sir Neville Marriner: "The most important test of a future Academy player is to take them on tour and see if you can bear to spend time with them"

Ridiculous or not, it was instantly successful. The boss of the newly founded L'Oiseau Lyre record label came to that first concert and signed up the Academy on the spot. "We immediately recorded all those Italian ice-cream merchants: Manfredini, Corelli, and so on." Marriner recalls. "So in

one leap we had gone from being a friendly, society into something al-⁶ Like Solti most professional." I think I The rest is history. The Sixties were the boom years of will keep er - who quickly on going turned from fiddle to baton - fash-

nique, brilliant in timbre. "The work flooded in. I remember recording all the Mozart horn concertos twice in the same week for different labels."

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Marriner complains of be-ing "typecast" by those early years. "Because I cultivated a lively style, people somehow thought I was too superficial for the po-faced stuff like Mahler." In fact, as his career blos-somed conducting European and American symphony orchestras, he broadened his repertoire hugely. Does he ever turn on the radio and not recognise a recording as his?

"Sometimes you turn on the ra-dio and hope it isn't yours. That happens to many musicians. I remember Alfred Brendel recalling how he was listening to a piano recital on the radio, and making a mental note of everything he didn't like about it, when the announcer said that the planist was Alfred Brendel."

Marriner's way of selecting players for the Academy has remained constant. First comes an audition. "You can tell within five can do." Then they are put into the Academy for a conuntil I'm cert or two to see how quickly they absorb its immacustopped? late ensemble style. "But the most im-

portant test," Marriner says, 'is to take them on tour and see if you can bear to spend time with them. If they are miserable devils, they don't get invited back."

About two applicants in a hundred get through, and the turnover is high. The average age of players in this 40-yearold orchestra is about 30," Marriner notes. "We find that the women have babies and then can't tour, while the men sooner or later need more security than we can offer, and join one of the salaried orchestras." Marriner takes little trouble

to conceal his disdain for the latter. "I get so mad with contract orchestras. Invariably. two people are missing from any rehearsal because they are at the dentist - usually a viola and double bass." The most pampered orchestras, he says, are in America. The union rules there are so restrictive that orchestras virtually price themselves out of recordings. In Munich, the conductor can call a 12-hour rehearsal with two half-hour breaks if he wants. In America a rehearsal

is two-and-a-half hours maxi-

mum, with at least 20 minutes

off, and they will stop in mid

bar if you overrun."
Similarly, Marriner has a strong aversion to government subsidy. The Academy has always been unsubsidised. "If the Arts Council give you mon-ey, they also tell you how to spend it. We didn't want other people's fingers poking into our artistic pie. Of course, the result is that the orchestra is always on a knife-edge, financially." That's why the Academy can be heard regularly in Germany (where ticket prices are much higher) yet has no London season. "We once sold out the Pestival Hall and still lost £32,000 in a single night."

Marriner says. He talks of loosening ties with the Academy, having "decided two or three years ago that I wasn't immortal". And he revels in his new rural life in Devon. "I find that, when

I'm filling in the diary for 2004, my wife has already booked weeks that are impor-

tant for work in the garden." But what of his work with orchestras round the world? Like Solti, I will probably go on until I'm stopped," he says wryly. "The awful thing about a conductor becoming geriatric is that you seem to become more desirable, not less. I just wish all these offers had come in when I was 30."

Times readers can purchase two tickets for the price of one on the top three ticket prices (£30, £24, £18) for Sir Neville Marriner's 75th Birth day Gala Concert, performed by the Academy of St Martinin-the-Fields at the Festival Hall next Wednesday at 7.30pm. To book, call Times Live on 0870-842 2212. Lines are open 24 hours a day. The programme is Mozart, Britten and Mendelssohn

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the fine viola player of the Cherubini Quartet, throws himself into the fray as the extra player for the Quintet in G, an imaginative and less predictable coupling of repertoire than the often inevitable Mozart Clarinet Quintet. As expected, the Berg Quartet meet the cross-accents of the opening head-on and, with Schlichtig contributing to its rich fab-ric, stomp splendidly through the Hungarian finale.

HILARY FINCH

OPERA

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 $(3 CDs) \star \star £38.99$ THE final quintet of defiance against Roman tyranny. which runs for just under a minute, is one of the few pieces of concise composition in Mitridate. The 14-year-old Mozart's excursion into opera seria takes its time in telling the story of two brothers, Sifare

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and Farnace, rivals for the hand of Aspasia on opposing sides in the Graeco-Roman wars. Even the most fervent Mozartian is likely to admit that there are tedious patches. Mitridate is rarely staged and

even more rarely recorded. But Decca has taken the plunge and cast the piece most generously. Natalie Dessay is in top form as Aspasia, surrounded by lies, treachery and even a possible marriage with King Mitridate himself. To her go the big emotional outbursts and Dessay dispatches them with almost greedy bril-

Decca cast a mezzo (Cecilia Bartoli) and a counter-tenor (Brian Asawa) as the warring brothers. Bartoli is the great stylist, but Asawa is by no means outclassed. Sabbatini makes much of Mitridate's death scene and Rousset is a highly sympathetic conductor.

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and you have a set to treasure. Such joy radiates from the partnership with Simon Rattle and the Vienna Philharmonic. and such seamless give and take from two distinctive but eminently compatible musical personalities, that it is easy to see why Brendel should be content for this fourth go round to be, as he says it will, his last.

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Bach to nature

t has never been cooler to be a counter-tenor, never L more remunerative to be a mezzo. But when did you last hear a really great contralto? The answer may well be the last time you played a CD by Nathalie Stutzmann, for the French contralto visits England all too seldom, and hers is a truly rare voice.

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ed rest" of Bach's cantata Vergnügte Ruh breathed out in the voices of oboe d'arnore (Anthony Robson), violin (Catherine Mackintosh, leading the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment) and Stutzmann herself. Only the following contemplation of the world as a "house of sin" could have broken the spell; and here Stutzmann's sharp-etched rhythms tightened the tension before it was released once again in the sighs shared with violins and violas as the "wayward heart" wandered, lost

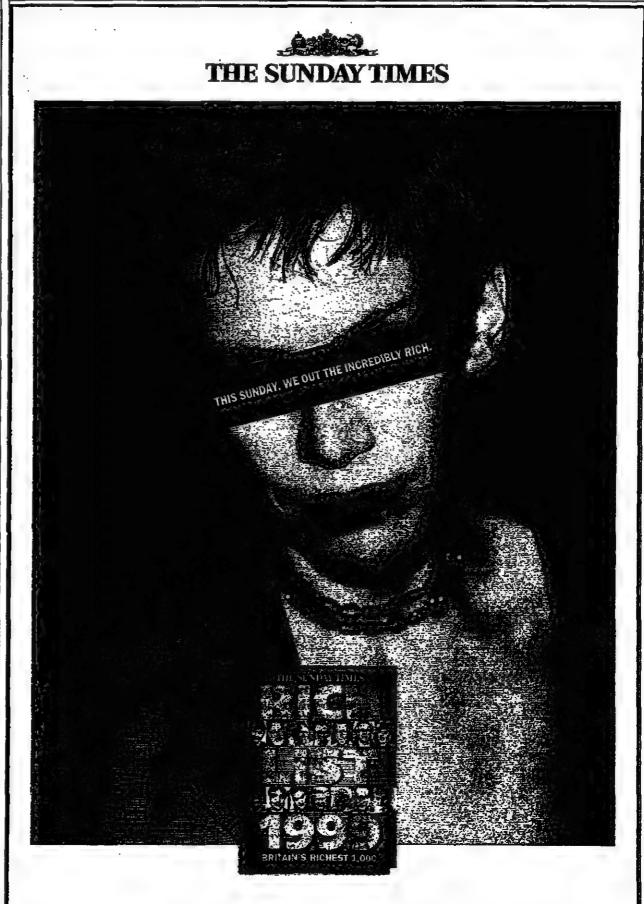
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without the ballast of its contin-

Susan Sheppard's eloquent cello came into its own, though, underlining Stutzmann's ardent goodnight to the world in the cantata Ich habe genug. Sunzmann's con-train traced and paraphrased the valedictory Song of Sime-on with rare sensitivity, graph-ically using vowels to lift the melodic line, and consonants to propel it. It was a moving tribute to the late Francis Baines, double-bass player with the OAE, who was commemorated in this concert.

Robson took up a reedy oboe da caccia here, after what seemed an exhausting performance with Mackintosh of Bach's Concerto in C minor for Oboe and Violin. This was a brisk, no-nonsense performance of a work which deserves a little more space. But the Corelli Concerto Grosso Op 6 No I, which began the evening, lived dangerously without compromising the music, and revealed the OAE's strings at their best.

HILARY FINCH



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BOOKS

American in Paris, and London, and

S ince the beginning of time there have been about half a billion Americans. On the date of Independence in 1776, there were roughly two million people living in the East Coast colonies and the vast uncharted territories beyond. Today there are approximately 270 million. and we will know the exact number shortly after the official census that takes place next year (a decennial nose count is mandated by the US Constitution).

From this historical pool of humanity, the creators of the American National Biography have selected 17,500 individuals. Each subject receives a write-up of between 750 and 7,500 words, and the profiles are spread over 24 hefty volumes. The principal criterion - a helpful one - is that the candidate must have expired before 1996. Citizenship is not a prerequisite, but "significant influence" is expected, so some names appear which are customarily associated with other lands. W. H. Auden has an entry (though he did become an American citizen after the war) and so does Peter Sellers, who never thought of changing citizenship. For a nation which is made up of immigrants, transients and a free-flowing population, citizenship would be an unworkable restriction.

Not since putting a man on the Moon has an American organisation undertaken such an ambitious logistical project. RAYMOND SEITZ

AMERICAN NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY (24 vols.) Eds. John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes OUP, £1500 ISBN 0 19 520635 5

The inspirational authority for the task was the American Council of Learned Societies, an umbrella confederation of academic associations founded in 1919. There are 61 member groups running the gamut from the African Studies Association to the Sonneck Society for American Music. The ACLS published the country's first biographic dictionary in the 1930s, and although annual supplements followed, the content and tone of the earlier compendium were considered, by the end of the century, woefully out of date.

From its position at the apex of America's intelligensia, the ACLS was able to exploit the academic network of the United States. Under the direction of managing editor Paul Betz, some 200 senior and associate editors divided into 19 categorical task forces. These committees selected the subjects, commissioned the essays from 6.100 contributors and completed the final review. They were supported by ranks of

copy editors and fact-checkers at the Oxford University Press in North Carolina. Money came from the ACLS's own fund-raising as well as grants from the Mellon and Rockefeller Foundations and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The new Biography. according to Stanley Katz, the President Emeritus of the ACLS, is the product of the "often invoked, but rarely manifest, scholarly community".

In an era of sometimes cacophonous political correct-ness, the editors have made a judicious effort to redress the balance between white males. who dominated the earlier biographic dictionary, and women and minorities, who were frequently neglected. Sacagawea, who barely rated a mention before, is here given full treatment, not only for her exploits as guide on the Lewis and Clark expedition to the Northwest Territories, but for her own life as well (we learn. for example, that she married a Shoshone with the unfortunate name of "Jerk Mear").

Oscar Charleston, the outstanding black baseball star of the prewar Negro League, is given long overdue recognition. So. too. Martha Ballard whose ordinary life as an 18thcentury midwife would have faded into oblivion had it not been for her valuable diaries. More questionable, perhaps, is the inclusion of Benjamin Franklin's common law wife, Deborah, except that she

signed her letters to her travelling husband with the words, Your a feck shonet wife.

These volumes are an absorbing panorama of the long, colourful American parade. As expensive reference works they naturally belong in schools and libraries, and the succinct bibliographies that appear at the end of each entry are a scholar's feast. In a way, this is a pity, because the essays are well written and often entertaining, and the Biogra-phy would be perfectly suita-ble for the bedside table were it not for the weight. The pages are strewn with little muggets.

A ake, for example, the profile of George Jessel (1898-1981), the vaudeville comic who turned down the lead role in The Jazz Singer. In the same year as the movie appeared (1927), Jessel made a different contribution to life and art. Having mixed a mid-morning tomato drink for himself in a Palm Beach bar, he offered a taste to a Philadelphia socialite named Mary Brown Warburton, who promptly spilled it down the front of her white gown, there-by christening herself and the drink 'Bloody Mary'."

American National Biography represents such a colossal effort that it probably never would have taken flight without the psychological imperative of the looming millennium. But its publication now is indeed something to celebrate.



■ LUCINDA LAMBTON has been in 31 states in the US this winter, researching a new book (and three television films for the BBC). She has discovered a whole family tribe of Lambtons — though now they spell themselves "Lampton" descended from some of her own ancestors who went out in 1764. Most of them are in Mississippi, and one of them, she tells us, is a landowner called Dinwiddy Lampton, who has 380 horse-drawn coaches that he drives in turn round his estate. She has also discovered she is related to Mark Twain through his mother. But her

book will go beyond the per-

sonal to trace the survival of old European ways in America. using all the photographs she has been taking.

nationale of France is moving fast. It has now set up a website for the public on which books amounting to two million pages can be read by the "internauts", as the French call them, along with numerous historic recordings such as Guillaume Apollinaire reading his poems. Many French people will not be sorry if the monstrous new library building is pulled



down and hands its job over the internet.

M A COLLECTION of essays called A Passion for Books is being published by Macmillan for World Book Day on April 23 (£15.99). Among the contributors, Ferdinand Mount takes a swipe at literary theory. John Bayley admits that he hardly remembers the book that won the Booker Prize when he was chairman of the jury, and Margaret Drabble tells a tale that Angus Wilson told ber. In the days when he presided over the Reading Room in the British Library, he had occasion to reprimand a woman for cating oranges at her desk. She protested that she was not eating the oranges,

just squeezing the juice over

A light shone on family history

ictorian fathers cast long shadows. There was something eminently paternal in the spirit of the age. Edmund Gosse pinned it down in Father and Son: the lofty father. caustic, remote and busy with the world's small detail, and the solitary son, piddling away the hours in the midst of

dreams and fevers. This was also true for Gosse's acquaintance Robert Louis Stevenson, a brillant writer and a creature of strong fathers, who - to the morning of his death - allowed those fathers to blink in and out of his life. "The aumosphere of his father's sterling industry," wrote Stevenson in his unfinished novel Weir of Hermiston. "was the best of Archie's education. Assuredly it did not attract him; assuredly it rather rebutted and depressed. Yet it was still present, unobserved like the ticking of a clock, an arid ideal, a tasteless stimulant in the boy's life."

However arid the ideals of Stevenson's father—and there was always something of the family in his dry cough—the truth must be that their interests were not remote from his character as a writer. Their hard work as engineers, their mastery of weather, mathematics and the high sea, find a strange relative in the sentences of Robert Louis Stevenson. their landlubbing son and grandson and nephew and cousin. In this book, Bella

Andrew O'Hagan on the family that built Scotland's lighthouses

low the Stevensons to stand for themselves and yet she also allows for the possibility that we might read, in the story of the fathers, a crucial story of the storytelling son.

Bathurst has a natural gift for narrative. She has a not un-Stevenson-like attentiveness: she catches as much with the ear as the eye. And so we enter into a bold and tender story. Louis's grandfather Robert Stevenson. "a slave to self-improvement", built the Bell Rock lighthouse, off the coast of Arbroath, in 1807. It was a massive undertaking: to build a light on a dangerous crag, using thousands of tons of stone. in the worst of weather and with no great public enthusi-

asm for the job. Robert Stevenson is half Ab-raham, half King Canute: he has a God-fearing resilience as he squares up to the fury of God's elements. He seems to have been a man who was almost overcome with a sense of public duty, and overcome too with a sense of the symbolic value of lighthouses. Bathurst is not the type to be blinded by romance, however. "The fact that he was to be proved right," she says, "makes him admirable, it does not always make him likeable."

You detect more sympathy for Robert's son, Alan, who took up a secret pen and made

THE LIGHTHOUSE STEVENSONS By Bella Bathurst HarperCollins, £15.99



a friend of Wordsworth, but who toed the line quite spectacularly, by building the lighthouse at Skerryvore. The light stood 138 ft above the first course of stonework: a magisterial construction which threw its light over some of the most treacherous sea imaginable.

Bathurst has qualities of restraint and is Scottishly parsed in the face of the facts: she cleaves ever to the sunnier side of detail and only seldom to emotion. But she has what the best biographers always have - a certain love for her subject. There's an attractive duality at the centre of her affections: she adores the industry of these Stevensons, yet she

is mindful of the places where

application fails; where the heart gives out.

Louis's father. Thomas -Alan's brother - was never workshy either. Yet he. itb. had a secret hankering to be a writer. He crumbled in the face of his father's objections — as his own son would not -and lost himself in note-taking on the subject of waves and heathen writers". There is an anxiety of influence detectable in each of these men: each of them wanted to live up to his father and yet find a way o live as himself. Robert Lous Stevenson broke excruciating waves of disappointment over his father's head: he turned his back on lighthouses, but in al the squall, he seems to have found his writer's voice.

ella Bathurst has built a lamp hersel: it illuminates the work of a literary hero, a family business, a habit of mind and a Scottish period. She gives us a sense of the lives of the keepers and provides a eulogy for a kind of life now going or gone: all the lighthouses, including the ones built by her Stevensons

are now unmanned. Bella Bathurst is what people used to call the genuine article: from the summit of this terrific first book she looks to become one of the best biographers of her generation. In the meantime, you might do yourself a favour and fold The Lighthouse Stevensons into your knapsack.

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CHANGING TIMES

Hit by a bolt from the blue

domly reconstructing the minds of ordinary folk in Sixties San Francisco. in the heyday of the hippy drug-culture. When a flash of cosmic blue light strikes men and women (and even roaming animals) it quickens their DNA sharpening their facul-ties and magnifying their physical powers so that they become a superhuman race of the future - "the Blues". Driven into violent action by their heightened awareness. each Blue becomes bent obsessively on realising his or her deepest yearnings: great sex. harmony with nature, abiding compassionate love, or (oc-

casionally) brutal psychotic violence. One of their number takes on the role of leader, galvanising the Blues into a cult, inventing rituals of mixing and drinking each other's blood to enhance their mystical powers. The woman he was coupled with at the moment the blue light struck becomes the

cult's sex goddess, the child conceived in that instant grows to amazonic strength and wrestles bears in the wilderness. But among them stalks Grey Man - a zombie created when the blue light struck a man dying of cancer. at the moment of his death. Grey Man's quest is the destruction of all other Blues, a task he pursues with grizzly determination, dismembering and mutilating Blues and friends of Blues as he tracks

them down. The narrator of this tale is not a Blue, but Chance, a mixed race graduate student. caught up in the Blue world. After abandoning his research on Thucydides, Chance bears witness to the extinguished hopes of the Blues. If we are to believe his tale, it is he who helps finally to annihilate Grey Man and who rescues a Blue remnant to see an-

other day. Walter Mosley's earlier mysteries, with their quirky black hero-narrator Easy

LISA JARDINE **BLUE LIGHT**

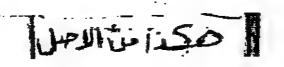
By Walter Mosley Serpent's Tail, £9.99 ISBN 1 85242 611 X



Rawlins, have something of a cult following. He specialises in getting inside the minds and lives of North American itinerant blacks and white trash - living lonely, confused lives in a penumbra world of pain and disappointment on the fringes of affluent society. He writes compelling. a paranoid schizophrenic

gritty, real-life dialogue and crafts his plots around closely observed detail of the as a social outsider. Blue Light is a newyenture.

into "science fiction" In fact. "science" has very little to do with this fiction, uness we mean the chemistry which produces the substances beloved of drug-users. In Blu Light. Mosley details meticulously the grainy, disorientaed insanity of being high of something or other in San Hancisco during the Vietnas War years. He describes wih mesmerising clarity the halucinatory twilight world of nightmares and euphoria inhabited by losers and driften who move from one fix to arither. The blood-exchanges, lore-ins and brutalities merge nto a single inchoate dreamvorld. We cannot even be sun that the entire "History" is 101 a product of Chance's debded mind, since at the end of the book he is confined to a state mental hospital, registere as



Washed ashore in a bomb-damaged land

The scarring runs deeper than the flattened landscape

in Philip Casey's novel, set in postwar London

tion: imperfect, but beautiful in itself. Its darklit image shivers in a breath of wind, or is obscured by the observer's shadow in the moon, but that mutability, that elusiveness, is prt of its arresting mystery. Lean diwn too close to the pool and it will appear to vanish altogether. Philip Casey's second novel, The Vater Star, works in the same way. Casey is a poet and a raywright; he has a poet's delicate ar and a playwright's eye for crection. The tale that unfolds in tis thick, satisfying volume is not articularly complex— any more ian the circumstances of any of or lives are complex, which is to ay, infinitely and infinitesimally a London, 1950; the city is a bomb te, a building site, and there is denty of work for Brendan and ligh Kinsella, natives of Co. Modord. Father and son,

Syndan's wife and Hugh's mother Mire is dead, buried near the blue

Irish mountain that haunts them in their grey London days, Croghan Kinsella.

The city separates them, Each longs for home, for the past, finds himself strange even when not among strangers. The London of Hugh's imagination is nowhere to be found: "When he was a child, he had always thought that London had no hills. He remembered this as he walked up the incline of Tollington Park, past the large Protestant church and into Everleigh Street, where the Irish faithful were congregating. Hugh was perversely proud that his church had a corrugated iron roof, in contrast to its grand Protestant neighbour. No matter that Catholic neighbour. No matter that Catholic churches in Ireland were of good stone and slate, the poverty of this one made him feel a cut above the Prods, morally speaking."

But when Hugh's longing mani-fests itself in a vision of his dead mother, Brendan hides his own sense of loss in a fear of his son's

madness, and Hugh goes his own

He finds a home with Elizabeth Frampton, who takes him into her house and her bed. She has another lodger, Karl, a German, whose family was killed in Hamburg in the war. He manages his bereave-ment by carving their effigies as he sits in the garden — and by loving Elizabeth. When she takes to Hugh he is faced with another loss. Brendan, meanwhile, finds comfort after his son's disappearance with Sarah as Vich appearance. with Sarah, an Irish woman sent away from home when she became pregnant with her daughter Deirdre. Through the interweaving and the overlapping of these relationships, Casey examines how human nature is shaped by sorrow; how people will find a way - sometimes, it seems, despite themselves

to take comfort from others, to make homes where they can, even

Casey's technique, too, is one of interweaving and overlapping. He



will tell the same story more than once, each time from a different vantage point: Hugh's own experience of his arrival at Elizabeth's house and then Karl's vision of the events. Of course, it is not the "same story" that's told, which is precisely the point. As an idea in the abstract this might seem laboured; in the novel, however, it works seamlessly, simply functioning as it is meant to and unfolding the story like a fan.

Karl works as a labourer, too: Elizabeth trusts he will find work for Hugh. As Hugh sees it "Elizabeth glanced at him across the table. He had been watching a stray hair which had wandered from her well-brushed head. As their eyes met, she looked back again to Karl. 'Can you fix a start for Hugh on Monday?' Karl sized him up. 'If he's willing to work hard. Brickie's mate, Hugh."

And then, as Karl perceives it:
"Can you fix a start for Hugh on
Monday? She asked quietly. Of course. Elizabeth had but to ask, no matter what complication or indebt-edness to those he despised that it might entail. It was against his interest, he knew simply by the way she spoke of the young man; but Elizabeth had made a request. He pretended to consider. 'If he's willing to work hard. Brickie's

This style, formal yet flexible, opens the novel out, and the different perspectives made these hardscrabble lives — death is a frequent visitor to this household and comfort too easily found in a bottle of wine or whiskey - vivid.

Casey's tale comes to the reader bearing praise from Sebastian Barry, and, like the author of The Steward of Christendom and The Whereabouts of Eneas McNulty, he has an unsentimental but affectionate view of Ireland and the

is language is more austere than Barry's: his characters aren't given to speechifying and a large part of his skill is in the way he digs through their inarticu-lacy to find the real emotion

The Water Star is a graceful, gentle novel that does not shy from the truth. Is its metaphor of lives rebuilt from rubble — whether the detritus of the past or the structures shattered by the Blitz - too pat? Perhaps, sometimes. But reading along one finds oneself thinking, yes, but that's just how things are. That seems a small thing, but it is a fine compliment to a work of

THE WATER STAR By Philip Casey Picador, £14.99 ISBN 0 330 371 908



Blame it on the theorist

SEVERAL DECEPTIONS By Jane Stevenson Jonathan Cape, £14.99 ISBN 0 224 05939 4

JANE STEVENSON'S first collection of fiction consists of four novellas with the common theme of deception. A professor undercut by his own intellect amusingly blames all the problems in his life on the semiotics nut Umberto Eco. In semiotics nut Umberto Eco. In another story, an international lawyer plays at terrorism. But the most finely tuned quart tells the story of Judy O'Grady, an Irish woman who changes her name to Ananda and becomes a novice in a Tibetan number. in a Tibetan nunnery. Things heat up during a spell in Simla, the former British hill-station in northern India, when the unlikely heroine unexpectedly warms to the dying em-bers of colonialism. Steven-son's careful plotting and attention to detail prove she is a new voice worth listening to.

Into the fire

THE FAREWELL ANGEL By Carmen Martin Gaite Harvill, £9.99 ISBN 1 86046 358 4

LEONARDO is released from his Madrid prison cell on the same day as he learns his parents have died in a car crash. He returns home with a full wallet, but his heart is heavier still. First he reminisces in a still. First he reminisces in a sepia-tinted haze, churning up memories which eventually lead him to a white house on the edge of a cliff where his grandmother raised him. But it is not until he meets the building's new owner that he is fully redeemed. This is essentially a novel about storytell-ing. Carmen Martin Gaile, a bestselling author in her native Spain, weaves traditional childhood tales into her own complex and peculiar one.

Alter ego

ALLAN STEIN: A Novel Matthew Stadier Fourth Estate, £10 ISBN 1 84115 107 6

A SUCKER for small boys, Matthew swaps Seartle for Paris after an affair with a 15-year-old pupil switches from fantasy to reality. For the sheer hell of it, rather than disguise, he changes his name to that of his best friend back home: the museum curator Herbert Widener. "Herbert" is pathologically excitable and attracts trouble with the ease of an Enid Blyton heroine, and within 30 pages he becomes embroiled in a mystery involving a set of drawings which leature Allan Stein, the lithe nephew of Gertrude. Slipping in and out of fact and fiction with apparent effortlessness, Matthew Stadler's writing is slick, funny and ever so stylish.

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hanks to the State Literature Officer of Western Australia, I found my flast month in the small coald town of Albany runnina "Writer's Workshop". Ang the local students was a bit of passage: a tall, wellspen Englishman, rather oldshioned and — I would wahe explained, on his way roid the world in a sailing be travelling in slow stages. Heoped to pick up a few ups abit writing up his logbook. adperhaps there would be an entual account of his voyag I guessed he was retired aifulfilling his lifelong ambi-ti(I asked him his favourite acor - "Eric Newby" was

thimmediate reply. ie — and other Newby fans vill delight in Learning the Ries. The book is the selence of Newby's photogiphs taken during his classt 1938-39 voyage as an agrentice saior aboard the for-masted barque Moshulu. T sea-struck Newby was 18 yers old when he signed on fe the round-ne-world trip to Sith Australia, outward bund with a bad of stone ballst in which ne Belfast docka had concaled two dead des as a purgent joke, and

LEARNING THE ROPES By Eric Newby John Murray £22.50 ISBN 0 7195 5636 8



back to Europe with a load of wheat. Newby told us the tale initially in The Last Grain Race and, more recently, in What the Traveller Saw. But no matter - now he gets the chance to show us his photo-graphs, and the publishers have done him proud.

The pictures are thoughtfully presented. They take us from the initial preparations in dock, around the Cape of Good Hope, to the drab little Australian wheat ports, and back home around the Horn with a ferocious gale to contend with. The photographs

are superb. Anyone who has known how tired one can be after hours of hard labour at sea must admire the gritty persistence with which the young photographer kept going with his folding bellows Zeiss Su-per Ikonta. The pictures from aloft which show Moshulu's deck slathered in white foam as the waves break over her in a gale must have required real dedication - one hand on the carnera button and the other hanging on for dear life. For all his gentle, wry, self-deprecating humour, Newby has a sinewy determination without

which we would never have gone with him Slowly Down the Ganges or on A Short Walk in the Hindu Kush.

The photos give the impression not of tall, graceful elegance, but of brute industrial strength at sea. Moshulu and her sister ship bulk carriers were, it is claimed, the most powerful sailing ships ever built. They were also utilitarian to the point of starkness. There was no flourish, no panache, just plain hard-nosed money-making if operating costs could be cut to the bone. So the crews were minimal

and stingily paid — Newby got his job by return post because apprentices were theap la-bour. He received ten shillings a month. The sailmaker, a master craftsman with 43 years' experience, got £7. The Captain did not do much better: he got £20 a month, "which didn't seem much for such a lonely position of

After 24 days at sea, the Moshulu rounded the northwest African coast — the man on the weather yard-arm is hanling out the head of the sail

responsibility". Details like this, well-researched and deftly put, are packed into Newby's characteristically charming foreword and the captions to his pictures. They demonstrate how

he loved every moment of his trip — well, almost every moment. Oddly enough, doing the washing-up for the entire crew using half a kerosene can of hot water per session was, it seems, "far preferable" to cleaning the lavatories. One doesn't imagine that the ap-prentices left much on their among the young seamen was their constant hunger. So it is the ultimate quirk that Moshulu is now tied up in Philadel-

plates. Newby makes the point that one common feature

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A myth the size of a mountain

hi: Crazy Horse (Ti-Sunka-Witco) figured prominently mong the housands of Nahe Amerians who taught uster the meaning of the erm. "Littl Bighorn", almost very otherfact about him is pen to debte. This is because ne never ace spoke for the public reced, or allowed himtelf to become the sort of cigarstore sava: who signed autographs at fild West shows for a dollar apop. As Larry Mc-Murtry gues in this fine meditatio on the most elusive figure in American history. Crazy Hose wasn't shy of attention. E just didn't like to spend tomuch time with the sorts of paple who keep score.

Most rifiable facts about Crazy H'se were collected in interview with elderly Sioux well intrhe 20th century and. as a rest, almost everything historia: know about him has to I qualified by that innocuou adverb. "probably". He was robably born a member of e Oglala wing of the Great roux nation in 1840, near wat is now Bear Butte, South Jakota. He probably led theioux into some of their famoupre-Bighorn victories. such athe battles of the Bozeman ed the Rosebud. And he was phably responsible for leadir Captain William Fetterm; and his troops beyond



By Larry McMurtry Penguin, £12.99 ISBN 0 297 84242 0



the safe perimeters of Fort Phil Kearney in December, 1866, where they were succinctly

slaughtered. Neither high-born nor selfcongratulatory, Crazy Horse was the closest thing to a populist that the Sioux Nation ever possessed. As a youth, he displayed a keen talent for horses, and when he wasn't hunting buffalo, he was engaged in vision-quests, seeking instruction from the spirits he admired more than people. On one such mystic expedition, he was told to live the simple life. shun adornments and devote himself solely to the weakest members of his tribe. Accord-



The enormous statue of Crazy Horse in South Dakota

ing to most accounts, he lived faithfully to these precepts for the rest of his life. Crazy Horse did not surren-

der to the white generals so much as to the white weather. And when he turned over his arms after the terrible winter of 1876-77, he learnt from experience that deal-making with Washington was neither his, nor his people's, best suit.

After negotiating for hunt-ing privileges which were immediately revoked, he displeased his victors by refusing to betray his people, and even-tually developed a following among the youngest warriors of his tribe. This popularity was noted not only by Washington, but by Sioux leaders as well, most of whom considered Crazy Horse a threat. As McMurtry sees it. Crazy Horse was disliked by politi-

cians on both sides for not being sufficiently political. In the end, it cost him his life. On September 6, 1877. Crazy

Horse was slain by an unremarkable private named William Gentles while resisting efforts to incarcerate him. As should be expected from such a mythical life, nobody agrees on what happened that day, or has any idea where Crazy Horse's parents eventually disposed of his body.

Today, though, the world's largest sculpture is being dynamited into the Black Hills of South Dakota. It has taken more than half a century to complete and when it is finished it will depict not only the head of Crazy Horse, but also the only indisputable fact about him: he may not be clearly remembered, but he was definitely larger than life.

Nimble-fingered hen we speak of the as he makes his way home Holocaust, the imeach night.

mostly those of the concentration camp. Władysław Szpilman's powerful memoir. The Pianist (Gollancz, £12.99; ISBN 0 575 06708 X) supplies a whole other iconography, that of the Warsaw ghetto. A Jewish pianist, he managed to survive the ghetto and outside it in Warsaw on the run.

The most dramatic aspect of Szpilman's story comes in the war's final days when he was discovered by a German officer. On learning that he was a pianist, Wilm Hosenfeld persuaded him to play the Chopin Nocturne in C sharp minor. Hosenfeld then showed him where to hide and brought him food.

One can see why the Polish authorities had Szpilman's book withdrawn soon after its publication in 1946. His account of the "good Poles" who hid him may have been ideologically acceptable, but that of a "good German" wasn't. Yet the Hosenfeld section of the book is the least interesting. Far more arresting are his tableaux of ghetto life the lice so inescapable they even penetrated the bread; a German officer's casual defenestration of a dazed old man in the building opposite; the corpses who stare up at him

most of us an unfathomable place. Szpilman describes the torment of confinement. He's also an artful guide to the differences between the Jews in the ghetto — not the homogenous group of the Nazi imagination, but people whose prewar status was reproduced during the war. Szpilman observes them from one of the ghetto cafés where he plays He also recounts the sadism of the Jewish police and the daring of the underground to which he belonged.

Once he's been spirited out of the ghetto, the book be-comes a desperate chronicle of hunger, loneliness and pessimism. Looking out on a bombed landscape, he imagines himself the last person alive. Twice he's on the point of suicide when capture seems imminent. The third time be swallows sleeping-pills but

awakes the next day.

For me, this book had an added poignancy. The Chopin Nocturne which saved Szpilman's life was the same one which saved my mother's. when she played it in Plazow concentration camp for Amon Goeth. What would Frédéric Chopin have made of that?

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THE hymn Abide With Me caused more excitement than Abba when sung at Wembley Cup Finals, and the Rev Henry Lyte, who wrote it, can be remembered at the Berry Head Hotel, his former home overlooking the sea at Brixham, Devon, Two nights' din-

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■ VAN DYCK will be the next artist, after Monet's success in London, to draw buge crowds in Antwerp to the largest exhi-bition of his works, and Prospect Music and Art Tours is planning ahead to spare enthusiasts long queues. Two-night breaks in four-star hotels, a timed entry ticket and return Eurostar travel will be available from May 18 from £199. Details: 0171-486 5705.

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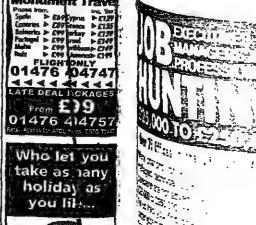


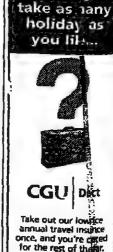
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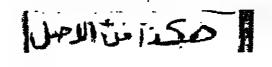
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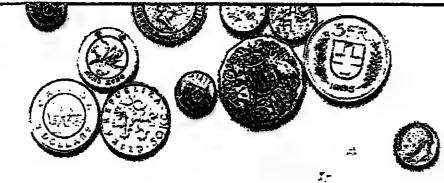
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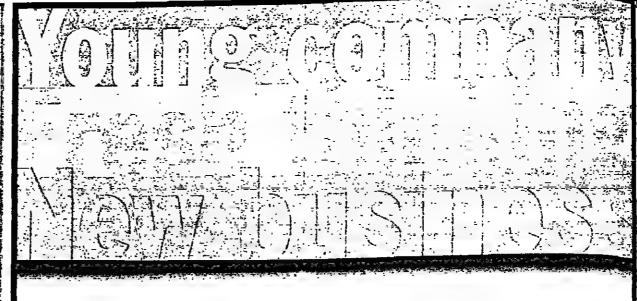
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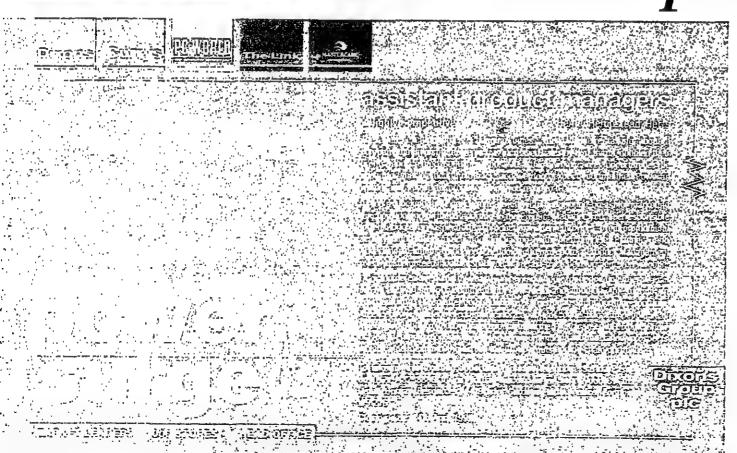
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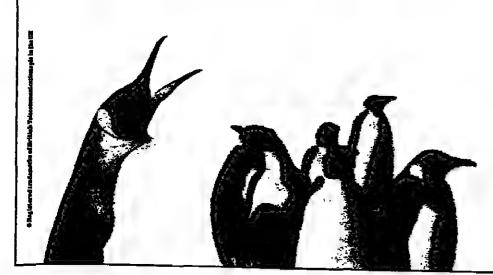
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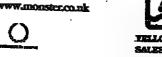
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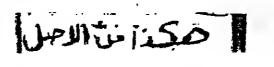
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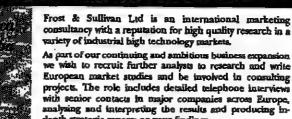
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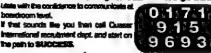
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Nicholson gives Cup vote to Escartefigue

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Later this week, the likes of Barton, Call Equiname and Istabraq will have the chance to revisit their Cheltenham glories. Today, it is the turn of Martin Pipe's two emphatic Festival winners, Majadou and Hors La Loi III, of Paul Nicholls' maiden Cheltenham winner, Flagship Uberalles, and of Go Ballistic, the horse who so nearly caused a Gold Cup sensation.

Come 3.45pm on Saturday. the National will command all hearts and minds, just the same as ever. Bankruptcy could not douse the obsession. nor bomb threats, protest marchers or embarrassing false starts. Even on the most chaotic sporting weekend of the year, racing has its guaranteed 15 minutes of fame. But in the meantime. Aintree

races, a second chance for many to crown their jumping

It is not like Cheltenham and never can be. The terrain. the surroundings, the atmosphere are all unerly different. Aintree has no sense of the moneyed shires. Instead, it has the feel of a city letting its hair down and, for the next three days, the place will resound to office outings, with more sharp suits and glamorously inappropriate skirts and heels than country tweeds.

David Nicholson may be in the minority in the dress sense but he has an unshakeable affinity with this spruced-up old relic of a racecourse and, for a deeply superstitious man, it has nothing to do with past success. Nicholson has not won the National, either as a jockey or a trainer, but he travels this year with perhaps his best chance and will be represented on Saturday by Call It A Day and Baronet.

Nicholson, for whom Cheltenham is annually a home match' and Aintree a bag-packing adventure, does have an enviable record in the support

when Liverpool was still a mixed affair, and, only two seasons ago, he saddled six of the first 15 winners at the

Barton Bank, now retired,

won the Martell Cup that April and, 12 months ago, the corresponding race was taken by Nicholson's progressive novice, Escartefigue, Today, Nicholson bids for his hat-trick in this feature event and with two of the field of five trained at his Jackdaws Castle yard, he has every chance.

The Martell Cup is an authentic Gold Cup consolation race, with £65,000 added, yet it has failed to attract more than eight runners in any of the past ten seasons. "The Irish tend to wait for Punchestown with their top chasers nowadays," Nicholson said, "and a lot of horses have a hard race at Cheltenham and this comes just too soon. But my two came out of the Gold Cup in good form.™

Cheltenham race, in which Escartefigue was a disappointing seventh while his stablemate narrowly lost first place to See More Business,

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provides a series of estimable races. He recalls training a would suggest Go Ballistic races, a second chance for double on the Flat in 1970. today, but Nicholson favours last year's winner, "I think around Aintree he is my better hope. He raced too freely in the blinkers at Cheltenham and won't wear them again. He has won at the meeting for the past two years and I see no reason why he shouldn't win

> If a reason does present itself, it could just be the rapid improvement of Majadou. Pipe considered this horse his Cheltenham banker and he won the Mildmay of Flete Chase in appropriate fashion. over five furlangs shorter than today's trip and even with a 9lb concession as a five-yearold, he confronts a huge task.

> Hors La Loi III. returning to his age-group, is far more likely to give Pipe a first-day winner - and another ess-ential boost in his quest for the trainers' title - in the Glenlivet Anniversary Novices' Hurdle.

Ground conditions on the Martell Grand National course remain good to soft soft in places after 2mm of rain fell on the track on Tues-

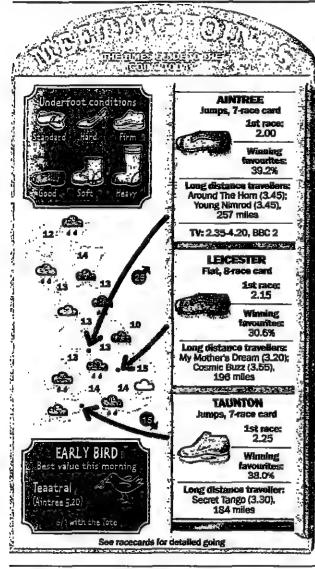


Punters wise after the event

LIFE is hard enough for punt. ers at the best of times, but those who popped into the betting shop at lunchtime yesterday for a flutter on the Allied Irish Bank Handicap Chase at Ascot never had a prayer (Chris McGrath writes). Told that Wise King would not even start the race, they were horrified to see him finish it in first place. It proved a farce sufficient to melt even the hearts of bookmakers.

Between 12.23 and 1.15 pm Satellite Information Services (SIS), responsible for transmitting racecourse pictures and information to the shops, had laboured under the illusion that Wise King was a non-run-ner. Bookmakers duly deleted him from their betting and posted revised prices until apprised of the SIS mix-up. On bets struck during that period, all the leading firms decided to pay out on both Wise King and the horse he beat into second. Northern Starlight. ChiePs Song fourth, was promoted for each-way purposes but nothing could be done for

Placepot punters. The bookmakers' concession was a charitable one, as it effectively transformed a Tony McCoy treble into a four-timer. The most notable of his winners was Galant Moss in the Grosvenor Casi-nos Long Distance Hurdle.





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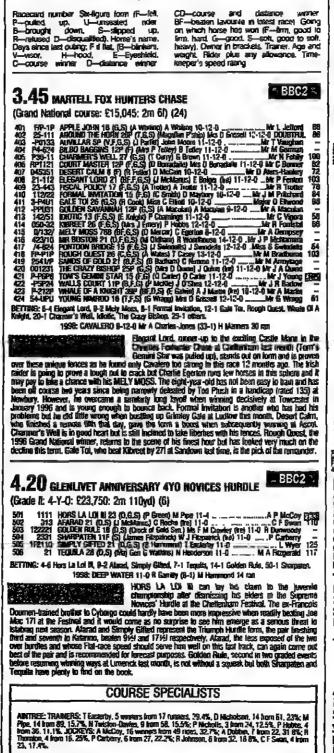
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Draw: No advantage

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3 (6) 316- KARMER 284 (F) B. Hamber, 9-0 ... R. Hills 89
4 (6) 61- AUTTARKIO 153 (0.5) J. Gooden 9-0 ... P. G. Hind 53
5 (7) 2-1 PRESENT LAUGHTER 12 (S) P. Cole 9-0 ... Pat Eddary 80
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READING THE RACECARD



4.50 CHIVAS REGAL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

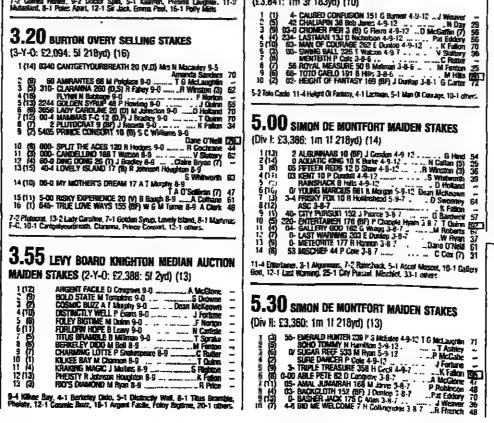
Black Rock Desert entered

AIDAN O'BRIEN's highly-rated three-year-old Black Rock Desert heads the 13 entries for the Castlemartin/La Louviere Studs Gladness Stakes at the Curragh on Sunday. The threeyear-old, easy winner of his only start as a juvenile and a bestpriced 12-1 for the Sagitta 2,000 Guineas, is one of three entries for the Ballydoyle trainer in the seven-furlong group three contest. "I have three horses involved - Alexfield. Orpen and Black Rock Desert - but I want to defer a decision for a day or two." O'Brien said yesterday. He added that Pink Coral would be his runner in the Peter Byrne April Fillies Race on the same card.

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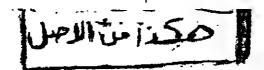


LEICESTER: TRAINERS, B Hanbury, 7 winners from 24 numes, 29.2%, H Coc.l, 16 from 62, 25 6%; P Chapple-Hyan, 3 from 14, 21 4%; J Dunlon, 24 from 130, 18 5%, B Hills, 12 from 66, 18 2%, J Gosten, 10 from 61, 16 4%; J L Hanic, 8 from 51, 15 7%, JJCKEYS 'PB Eddery 27 winners from 129 rides, 20 9%, M Roberts, 13 from 65, 20 0%, K Fallon, 19 from 120, 15 6%; J Wester, 8 from 54, 14 8%, W J O'Connor, 5 from 34, 14 7%, R Hills, 11 from 80, 13 8%, J Fortuno, 8 from 61, 13 1%

(£3.841: 1m 3f 183yd) (10)







SNOOKER

O'Sullivan gives swift reminder of potential

BY PHIL YATES

THERE is not a more entertaining spectacle in the game than watching Ronnie O'Sullivan at the height of his powers. It is a sight not often wimessed this season, but the world No 3 could well be coming into form at precisely the right time.

O'Sullivan, whose credentials as a potential world champion have been seriously questioned by a recent lack focus, was at his dazzling best in the second round of the British Open in Plymouth yesterday. He required only 60 minutes to whitewash Paul Davies 5-0.

For once, the usually selfcritical O'Sullivan was reasonably happy with his performance. After stealing the second frame on the black, thanks to a 40 clearance, he compiled breaks of 68 and 97 before finishing stylishly with a run of 104. In so doing, he out-scored Davies 510-79. Steve Davis, Fergal O'Brien

and Chris Small, who are all embroiled in a doglight for places among the elite top 16 in the world rankings next season, all progressed to the next

Davis included a pair of century breaks en route to a hardfought 5-3 win over Michael Judge, while the methodical Small needed almost four hours and an unscheduled second session before defeating Drew Henry, a fellow Scot,

O'Brien endured acute anxiety on the way to edging Bradley Jones 5-4. O'Brien, from Dublin, led 4-1 before Jones recovered to 4-4. O'Brien. though, coping admirably with the growing pressure. rolled in a tricky red to a middie pocket to launch a break of 60 that enabled him to souceze through.

John Higgins, the titleholder, who is attempting to lift his fifth trophy of a lucra-tive season, enjoyed a comfortable passage into the last 16, even though he never threatened to raise his game to top form. The world champion. who has complained of feeling jaded this week, won 5-1

RUGBY UNION

France hope that shuffling pack will do the trick

By MARK SOUSTER

AFTER losing at Twickenham and in an attempt to put a gloss finish on a disappointing Five Nations Championship, the France selectors have made three changes, all in the pack, to the side that plays Scotland on Saturday at the

Stade de France. Christian Califano, a replacement against England, starts at loose-head prop in place of Sylvain Marconnet, while Thierry Cleda, of Pau, comes in at lock for Fabien Pelous, who has a rib injury, for his first full cap after eight appearances as a substitute. Christian Labit, the Toulouse flanker, makes his debut as France again reshuffle their back row; Thomas Lievremont switches to No 8 and Christophe Juillet is demoted to the substitutes bench substitutes' bench.

Successive defeats by Wales and England have demoralised the grand slam-winners of the past two seasons, who have also had a debilitating injury-list that has deprived them of key players such as Olivier Magne and Christophe Lamaison. That aside, Jo Maso, the France manager, has left his side, who tour Tonga. Samoa and New Zealand in June, in little doubt as to the importance of this weekend.

"Saturday's match is extra important for the players and their future. If it does not go well, we would have to make adjustments for the World Cup," Maso said. "We must rediscover the enthusiasm that

we had last year and strike fear into our opponents."

Scotland, who name their team today before flying out to Paris, face the prospect of losing the spine of their pack. The loss of Tom Smith, who broke his leg in the victory over Ireland, is bad enough, that of Eric Peters is a hammer blow. while doubts surround the fitness of Scott Murray, However, with David Hilton and Doddie Weir in reserve for Smith and Murray respective-ly, Scotland at last have strength in depth, while Stuart Reid is expected to replace

last Saturday. Reid, the captain of Leeds Tykes, won his only cap against Western Samoa three years ago, but he did lead Scotland A to a junior grand slam last season. Having taken a two-year sabbatical from the police force, Reid, 29, left Bor-

Peters, who broke a kneecap

in Bath's defeat of Leicester

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| P Carbonnaeu (Brve); C Califaco |
| (Stade Toulousain), R Ibanez (Perpig- |
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oughnuir to pursue a professional rugby career in Eng-land last year. Phil Davies, the Leeds coach, believes that Reid deserves another chance. "He is a quick decision-maker. very competitive and always gives 110 per cent," Davies said. "I am sure if he is select-

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ed, he will do himself justice." The home-based Scotland players contracted to the Super Districts will find that their season does not end in Paris this weekend. The Scot-tish Rugby Union are releas-ing them to play in two Sevens tournaments, one of which will be at Melrose on May 1.

Meanwhile, the restructuring at Manchester Sale continued yesterday with the departure of Graham Dawe, the former Bath hooker, who joined the club 18 months ago as a player, but more recently has acted as assistant for-wards' coach to John Mitchell, who resigned last week. Gloucester are expected to

lose Terry Fanolua, the Western Samoa centre, for the remainder of the season. He damaged a knee ligament in the Tetley's Bitter Cup semi-final defeat away to Wasps on Sunday. Dion O'Cuinneagain, the Ireland open-side flanker, was given the all-clear for the match against Italy at Lansdowne Road on Saturday when he took a full part in the squad session yesterday. O'Cuinneagain damaged his shoulder in the game against



Cleda, who wins his first full cap for France, catches the ball during lineout practice

Harvey plays it by the book

UK PACKAGING stormed through the semi-finals of the Squash Rackets Association (SRA) National League, beating UNW Northumberland 4-1 at the Connaught Club, Chingford, and have taken their first step already towards success in the final, which is due to be played on April 20 at St Albans, where they will play Capital One Nottingham.

Nottingham reached the final with case themselves, after refusing to alter a semi-final date for which Potters Bar, their opponents, could not raise

They had requested that the final be put back 24 hours to give Natalie Grainger, of South Africa, their unbeaten fifth-string, time to travel from the Women's International Squash Players' Association (WISPA) Grand Prix finals in Hurghada, Egypt. to St Albans, but Neil Harvey, the UK Packaging team manager, re-

SQUASH By Colin McQuillan

line-up, would have to stick to its

"If Natalie does as well as we exagainst Terry Murphy, who as a adequate team, but they found fused to agree. knowing that the SRA, was guilty of committing a series of blunders.

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time," Phil Songhurst, the Nottingham team manager, said. "If the SRA applies the rules as they stand, we may have to play the final without a

With Linda Charman playing behind Tim Garner, Julian Wellings, Stuart Cowie and Lee Jemmett, UK Packaging dismissed UNW North-

thon Power, the world champion, twice for England squad against the Rest of the World last week, with David Evans, the Welsh champion. Lee Beachill and Jason Nicolle for the final. Nicolle no longer appears in ranking lists but is still a fearsomely experienced opponent at fourthstring for the teenage Jemmett.

Beachill is England's rising star. who heat beat Alex Gough, the Welsh No I, in a quarter-final of the National League Cup. The win was not enough, however, to stop Dunraven

Sturgess told to take rest

CYCLING: Colin Sturgess, the captain of the Men's Health team, was told by a specialist yesterday that he should not race for at least a fortnight because he needs treatment for a degenerative disc disease, Sturgess, a former world pursuit champion, returned to Great Britain this year from Australia with the aim of gaining selection for the Olympic Games in Sydney in

Tom Steels, of Belgium, honed his form for the Paris-Roubaix Classic this weekend with victory in the Ghent-Wevelgem race vesterday.

SAILING: Paul Griffiths, from Banbury, is leading the Laser Radial fleet at the Volvo RYA national youth Water, After six starts Griffiths, 16, has managed four first places, adding two yesterday. Tim Hulse, from Cheshire, is in second place with Matthew McGovern, from Manchester, third.

I ICE HOCKEY: Great Britain start their world championship campaign in Denmark today determined to put up a better

performance against Slovenia, against whom they lost 5-3 when they failed to be promoted from pool B. It was their worst defeat of the 1998 championship and Slovenia are expected to be one of Britain's main rivals for the top-four finish they need this

CUMINE: Maerka Uusipaavalniemi, the Finland skip, led his side to a 8-3 victory against Scotland at the Ford world championships in Saint John, New Brunswick. Scotland are one of four teams tying for the last semi-final place with three games to play.

I SKING: The children's super-giant slalom championship, the first event of the children's (ages 11-15) races at the British Land junior national

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

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2.30 (2m 3:110yd ch) 1 Wise King (T J Murphy, 9-2 lav), 2 Nouthern Starlight (6-11 3 Philips Woody (13-2) 9 ran, 21 U J Oto Thre 24 70, 61 50, 62 20, 62 30 DF 621 00 CSF 629 16 Theast, 6159 21 3.05 (3m hyle) 1 Galant Moss (A P

2.25 Willie B Brave

GOING GOOD TO FIRM

Carl Evans: 5.10 King Torus.

SELLING HANDICAP HUNDLE

(£1,558 3m 110yd) (16 runners)

2.55 Sol Music

3.30 Guido

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4.05 Duel Island

4.40 Country Store

5.10 Mister Horatio

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2.25 PITMINSTER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS

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2.55 LANCASTER MERCEDES BENZ SPRINTER

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3.30 ORCHARD RESTAURANT MAIDEN HURDLE

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NOVICES CHASE 124,713: 2m 110yd) (11)

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McCoy, evens law, 2, Lord Jim (12-1), 3, Padoy's Return (11-4), 5 ran, NR. Bartin Blue, Teaatral 2'M, et hd M Pipe, Toter £1-90, £1.20, £2.50 DF: £8.60 CSF.

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3.40 (2m 110yd hole) 1. Dictamn (A P Mc-Coy, 16-1), 2. Promer Generation (5-1 [s-lay), 3, Warm Speil (6-1) Chai-Yo 5-1 [s-lay 12 ran, Hd, 5i M Pipe Tole £19,50, £4.30, £1.80, £2.50, DF £44.50, CSF: £86.55 Tricast £498.23 Tole Trilecta: £1.017.60

4.20 (2m 3l 110yd ch) 1, Dark Stranger (A P McCoy, 11-10); 2, Master Chuzziewi (16-1) Eagles Resi 5-6 lav 3 ran 30l M

J Eddery (7)

Pipe Tote: \$2.10. DF: \$3.30. CSF: \$7.46.

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5.00 (3m 110yc ch) 1, Skiphrilime (Ar M G Miller, 6-4 fav); 2. Alex Truscombe (25-1), 3, Chsm (11-2), 7 ren. NR Donaltach Mor, Soler Warrior, 19, 191. R Miller Tols, £2,10; £1.60, £5.70. DF; £21.00. CSF £24.68.
5.35 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Interdream (R Dunwoody, 4-1 co-lav); 2, Pietro Bembo (4-1 co-lav); 3, Krabtbonik (4-1 co-lav); 10 ren 11, 5; C Mern Tore £4.00; £1.30. £1.80, £1.80 DF; £6.80. CSF £18.49 Tricest; £50.97. Placepot: £22.00 Quadpot: £11.20

Going: good, good to firm in places 2.10 (2m hd/s) 1. Sharbedarid (D J Burchell, 7-4 fav) 2. Toy Box (16-1), 3. Candy Corper (40-1), 13 ran, NP, Little Mss Lucy, 114, 214 J Proc Toter £2 50, £1 60, £3 20, £4 50 DF, £21 80, CSF £24 29.

2.40 (3m chi 1, Bay Pair (S Curren, 14-1) 2, The Campdonan (5-1); 3 Lord Ma-(100-1) Trispramis Image 15-5 tav 16 ran 3, 3, M Bosley, Tote; £12 10, £2.30, £1.50, £20 10 DF, £12.10 CSF: £70,17

3.50 (2m 4) chi 1, Gratomi (S Fot, 7-2); 2, Colone Biazer (14-1) 3, Inch Emperor (14-1) Jemaro (160) 15-8 lev 8 ran 141, 5 P. Ritchens Tote E4 10, E1.30, E3.00 E2.90, DF E29.70 CSF E37.28, Theast E462.08

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4.25 (2m hdie) 1. Mim-Lou-And (D Gallagner 3-1) 2. Rolle (10-1), 3. Mankeno (15-2) Balladur (4th) 2-1 tav. 7 tan NR; Count Tony 2'-1 71 Miss H Knight Tote 63-40, 61 50, 62 00, DF; 58.80, CSF 625 94 Tricast 6171.29 4.55 (3m ch) 1. Grimley Gate (Mr J M Pritchard, 4-9 favi; 2. Lakeside Lad (66-1), 3. Cetto: Abbey (2-1) 5 fan 29; 4 M Jackson, Tote, 51 40, 51 50, 513 30 DF, 519 60, CSF 516 92

Placepot: \$302.00 Quadpot: \$18.20

5-2 Country Store, 9-2 Sharp Command, 5-1 Juliana, 7-1 Washing William, 8-1 Rovestar, 10-1 Vicesa, Philatelic, 12-1 others.

5.10 LANCASTER MERCEDES BENZ 'VITO' HUNT-ERS CHASE (£2,337: 3m) (10)

1 6302 NING TORUS 9 (BF.CD.F.G.S) V Dorball 9-12-7 ... NF.J. Judes 2 255- BUZZ 0'THE CROWD 331 (BF.D.F.G.S) MS F Water 12-12-5 ... MF.D.F.G.S) MS F Water 12-12-5 ... MF.D.F.G.S) MS F Water 12-12-5 ... MF.D.F.G.S) W Levis 9-12-5 MF.M. Levis (7) MF.D.F.G.S) W Levis 9-12-5 MF.M. Levis (7) MF.D.F.G.S) W Levis 9-12-5 MF.M. Levis (7) MF.D.F.G.S) MF.D.F.G.S P. Grander (5) MF.D.F.G.S P. Grander (6) MF.S.P. Grander (6)

5.40 ORCHARD PORTMAN HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,696: 2m 1f) (10)

7-2 Spick And Spen, 4-1 Pelsny, 9-2 Bilang, 11-2 Diagon King, 8-1 Nine O Three, 10-1 Thursderpont, 12-1 Adamst Mest Cadoury Castle, 14-1 others COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS Med V Whitems, 5 witners from 15 normals, 33 3%, is riende-son to horn 19, 31 6%, C Barnell, 5 horn 19, 26 3% O Shembood, 6 foot 24, 25 0% C Egarlat, 4 born 17, 23 5%, P Modes, 24 horn 106, 21 5%

4.05 ORCHARD RESTAURANT MAIDEN HURDLE (Div II: £2,514: 2m 1f) (14)

1 CANDLE SMOKE 93SF (1) Mrs. L Rechards 6-11-5 ... B Powell
2 3-3P CONNELL COSSACK 111 Mrs. H Anoght 6-11-5 ... B Fention
3 2-44 HERE'S TO HOWE 65F M Bosley 5-11-5 ... S Wynnio
4 00 UNDER THE TRAMBR 131 C Morines b-11-5 ... JA McCartey
5 FO AGIFT 14 Mrs. P Roberon 5-11-0 ... Mrs. S Morris (7)
6 4FO RISE ABOVE 65 Mrs. K Goog 5-11-0 ... Mrs. S Morris (7)
7 00 CLASSIC MASQUERADE 28 (7) M Pipe 4-10-13 G Supple (3)
9 0 DARE 182 E1 Lames 4-10-13 ... A Thomson
10 0P DERIS REAL 125 P Nucholis 4-10-13 ... A Thomson
11 6 J WISH YOU LOVE 89 P Houts 4-10-13 ... M Widger (5)
12 56 MERRY PRINCE 5 P Hesigle 4-10-13 ... M Richards
13 200 MISS FARA 21 M Pipe 4-10-8 ... R Greene
14 Mrs. Star A. J Classic Mesoure add. 5-1 Merry Prince, 8-1 Here's To Home, 4 6-4 Mass Fara, 4-1 Classuc Masquerade, 5-1 Merry Prince, 8-1 Here's To Home, I With You Love, 14-1 Candia Smote, 16-1 Conveil Cossack, 25-1 others.

4.40 LANCASTER MERCEDES BENZ ATEGO HANDICAP CHASE (£5,407: 3m) (11)

11-4 King Torus, 7-2 Still in Business, 6-1 Buzz O'The Crowd, Stationage Gold, 8-1 Kartin's Quest, 10-1 Missier Holatio, Fossy Bear, 12-1 others.

JOCKEYS & Wedger 5 maners from 25 rules, 192%, 5 Wyrne, 4 from 3 13.2% G. Tormey 9 from 57, 15.8% G. Suegle, 8 from 51, 15.7%, Ferian 7 from 49, 14.3%, J. McCarthy, 3 from 24, 12.5%, Chily qualifier

3.15 (2m 5) 110) d hdle) 1. Jailb (L Aspell, 7-1), 2. The Negotiaror (11-1) 3. Selective Rose (16-1); 3. Stretching (16-1) Two Lords 11-2 is. 16 ran 31, 11 P Murphy, Tole 65 40 62 30, 61.70, 65 30, 64.00 DF. £14.90. CSF: £64 60. Thousast £1.085 01.

5.25 (2m hdle) 1. Dream of Numi (R Wadey, 5-4 tax), 2. Doigts d'Or (6-1); 3. Sant Ceolts (7-1) 16 ran 3, 31 K Bailey. Tote. £2 30. £2 00. £2 20. £1 50 DF. £10.50 CSF. £7 39.

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M Channon Tote 211 50; 23-50, 211-50,
23-80 28-20 DF 2897-10 CSF, 2349-55
Tricast: £4,025,79. 4.35 (1m 4/1 60yd) 1, Christiansted (F Cochrane, 9-2), 2, Imperal Prince (25-1), 3. Aldwych Arrow (12-1), 4, Swift (7-2 lav), 20 ran, 1), 14 F Murphy Tote 55-90, 22 00 57-40 DF E281,30 CSF: £116-50 Tracest, £1 232.00

5.10 (1m) 1. The Cuare Fellow (G Hard 1-2 tay). 2, Rose Dream (6-1). 3. Sunstane Boy (9-2). 11 ran 2, 61 J Gos-den, Tota, 21:60, 21:10, 22:50, 21:50, DF, 26:30 CSF 23:55 5.45 (Im 2) 7 Ultre Celim (P Goode. 12-1) 2 Tros Elies (33-1) 3 Nightglade (50-1) 4 Gilou (25-1) Rum Pointer 5-2 lay 25 ran 3, 3-3 P Hastam Tote 617 00 55 60 59 90 523 10, 27 90 DF 2351 10 CSF 5346 05 Tricast 515 917 28

8.15 (m. 1 Tier Worker (J Forune 9-2) 2 Salegg (100-30) 3. Angels Vernure 4-7 tex) 10 ran 1/8 True Love 11 2/ 7 Easterby 7ote 15.40 51 20 13.0, \$1.10 0.7 55.50 CSF 57.29 True Love 1121 was withdrawn not under orders Tiue 4 bases aboth, deduction 5p in the compact all texts. the councilis all cets. Jackpot: not won (pool of £4,537.87 carried forward to Aintree today).
Placepot: £3,808.10 Quadpot: £103.70 SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Your opponents bid confidently to Six No-Trumps and you find yourself on lead with a suit headed by the ace and king. Are you tempted to double? If you automatically answer "yes then today's hand may give you pause for thought.

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Contract: Seven Spades by South. Lead: king of hearts.

This was the most dramatic deal at the 1999 Cap Gemini tournament.

The first five bids of the auction are easy enough to understand. Tony Forrester's Four No-Trumps was no doubt designed to show his partner that he held a source of tricks and Zia judged the situation perfectly by jumping to Six Diamonds. He was right in the sense that his side could make sixteen tricks with diamonds as trumps -but only after East-West had

taken the first two in clubs. clear to Forrester and he retreated to Six No-Trumps. Could it be that at this

point Chemla was blinded

by his own smoke screen?

He ventured a double.

Fearing the worst but real-ising that Levy would be on lead if he were declarer. Forrester advanced to Seven Spades. The spotlight was on West. What would he lead? From the bidding it seems

reasonable to place North with the ace of hearts and a good diamond suit. That would appear to mark East with values in clubs but Levy led a heart and a grateful declarer recorded +1510. East could have avoided all the heartache by bidding

Four Clubs at his second The situation was not so turn but that would have 26 spoiled the story.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

LEDGIT a. Legitimate b. A book mark c. A foot-rest

a. A dog's bladder b. An Irish wench c. A blackthorn dub

MAHOE a. A gardening tool b. A tree c. An Antipodean grape

MONGIBEL a. A volocano b. A man-eating monster c A flower Answers on page 50 KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Dos Hermanas

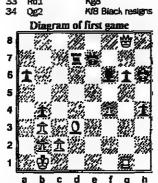
The annual tournament at Dos Hermanas in Spain has attracted a powerful entry. comprising Anand, Kramnik. Topalov, Adams, Polgar, Kar-pov, Illescas, Celfand, Svidler and Korchnoi. In the first round Britain's hope, Michael Adams, inflicted defeat on the powerful Russian, Peter Svidler, while Judith Polgar achieved a major upset by winning in 34 moves against world number two Viswanathan Anand.

White: Michael Adams Black: Peter Svidler Dos Hermanas 1999 Sicilian Defence

Nxd4 Nc3 b5 b4 Be7 Nf4 Bxb3 21 0-0-0 Qe7 29 Qxd6+ 30 Qb8+ Kg7 Kh6 31 Rg1 32 Bd3

White: Judith Polgar Black: Viswanathan Anand Dos Hermanas 1999

Sicilian Defence Nod4 Nc3 Nf6 a6 e6 e5 g6 g4 Nf5 g5 exf5 gxf5 d5 d4 **ക**3 Ra7 a5 Rb7 27 Rc7 28 b3 Rof5 Rxc8 Byf5 Rxf5 Rd1 Kg8 Diagram of first game



abcdefgh Southend The Redbus tournament in Southend ended in joint victory for grandmasters James Plaskett and Bogdan Lalic.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black resigns

QgS

White to play. This position is from the game Chernin - Womacka. German League 1999. In this position it looks as if White's central control is balanced by Black's queenside counterplay However, White found a winning break-through. What did he play?

Solution on page 50



Cricket goes

first class

for long haul

Richard Hobson looks forward to

a congested and lengthy new

season that gets under way today

CRICKET

England are no match for peerless Pakistan

FROM RICHARD HOBSON IN SHARJAH

SHARJAH (Pakistan won toss): Pakistan beat England

A FEISTY, belatedly thrilling partnership between Graeme Hick and Andrew Flintoff could not disguise the fact that England were heavily beaten by a highly-motivated Pakistan side at the CBFS Stadium yesterday. Although condi-tions in Sharjah could hardly contrast more strikingly to those back home, the enormity of this defeat - the seventh in eight one-day internationals ought to alarm the selectors just five weeks before the start of the World Cup.

Inferior in every department, England conceded their highest total in this form of cricket, with the Pakistan innings of 323 for five underpinned by Ijaz Ahmed, who scored 137 from 130 balls. No baisman could match him and unless the side recovers to beat India tomorrow, the prospects of qualifying for the final of the triangular tournament will be

Briefly, Hick, who made 65. and Flintoff, whose 50 included four sixes, suggested that, in conditions heavily in favour of the batsmen, something akin to a miracle might materitag claimed both wickets in the space of four balls to ex-

Pakistan have undergone a transformation since Wasim Akram returned as captain at the start of the year. They must now be considered even as potential winners of the tournament beginning on May 14. The confidence brimming through the ranks just three days after winning the Pepsi Cup in Bangalore became apparent from the first legitimate delivery, propelled to the boundary by Saeed Anwar and coursed through the innings until Moin Khan struck the last two balls for six.

That Flintoff, making his international debut in one-day cricket, should be entrusted with the last over suggested that Alec Stewart wants to assess the young Lancashire all-rounder under pressure. Despite bearing the brunt of the powerful late hitting. Flintoff can be judged neither better nor worse than his more experienced colleagues.

Collectively England failed to maintain a consistent line and length on a slow surface permitting little margin for mitigated in part by afternoon temperatures in the high 30s



Ijaz paddles the ball round to the leg side during his explosive innings of 137 in 130 deliveries for Pakistan yesterday

16-hour journey from the training camp in Lahore.

ijaz Ahmed found an effective foil in Shahid Afridi during a partnership of 87 in 17 overs for the second wicket before Inzamam-ul-Haq, restrain-ing his aggressive instincts, pro-

PAKISTAN

Baced Armer e Stomart b Gough, (27 befs. 1 str. 2 fours) Shahid Artide e Gough b Ealtharm, (54 bolls, 1 se. 3 fours) Haz Ahmed e Hick b Gough

vided even stouter support in a stand of 145 at more than a run zamam as the stocky batsman per ball. Ijaz struck Croft on to attempted a similar stroke, hav-ing scored 59 from 64 balls the roof of the pavilion as he raised the tempo soon after with just three fours. A fine, completing a half-century. low catch by Adam Hollioake Stewart rotated the bowlers in vain before Ijaz drove Gough diving to his right at deep cover

to remove Wasim represented to Hick at long-off. In his next over, Gough accounted for Inan England fielder.

England are using the time in Sharjah to extend their database on the opposition. If he did not know so already, David Lloyd, the coach, can now log the fact that Shoaib Akhtar is quick enough to make life extremely unpleasant for bats-men. Undaunted when Stewart struck him for successive boundaries in his first over, he responded by taking three wickers in a fiery new-ball spell timed at 95 miles per hour. Knight played on to the tenth ball of the innings and Stewart edged an attempted drive to

Inzamam at slip.

Thorpe flattered with some well-timed strokes, but the clip off his legs that found short mid-wicket was not among them and Azhar Mahmood breached Fairbrother's defenschedule seemed to be confus-ing, then it stands as a model of simplicity alongside the 165

long days ahead.
That it should begin in the spring tranquility of Fenner's and The Parks remains at least one constant, yet, despite unseasonally mild weather, the crowds will be sparse and even passive interest limited. For Lancashire and Worcestershire, who take on Cambridge and Oxford University respectively, this is little more

TO FOLLOW the English cricket season through its

course requires stamina, toler-

ance and a keen sense of orien-

tation. Never before has the

programme started as early as t does today and, if the 1998

than extended net practice.

Despite the swollen calendar, the demise of the contest between the county champions and MCC or England A is a shame. If nothing else, it presented an early insight into the selectors' thinking for subsequent international fixtures.

Whether Oxford and Cambridge retain first-class status far into the next millennium must be considered a matter of doubt. For cricketing purposes, Oxford have reacted to the possibility of being downgraded by taking the bold step of merging with Oxford Brooke's University the former polytechnic - to try to attract young cricketers unable to meet the stiff academic requirements of the

The England and Wales Cricket Board will announce shortly six universities designated as centres of excellence. They will enjoy games against the counties, although it is un-clear if they will be classified first-class. Regardless, an initi-ative to allow talented youngsters the opportunity to continue to play to a testing stand-ard without forsaking education has to be applauded.

Delegates from the counties, along with MCC approved the idea at the First Class Forum meeting last week. Decisions on the tramework of the game next season were deferred, but, flicking through the fixture list for 1999, it seems perverse that more cricket, including the prospect of a new 25-over competition, will be introduced.

Clearly, the concept of retaining a structure for successive seasons, allowing players and the public a degree of familiarity, is anathema to hyperactive decision-makers. Voting to alter the length of games in the new CGU

National League from 50 to 45: overs before it has even begun surpassed the previous capacifor tinkering, as did the U-turn on a moratorium on overseas players for a trial year when the best will be involved in the World Cup.

Takil

The National League, en-bracing promotion and relegation, replaces what used to be known as the Sunday League, before games became allocated to different days of the alli 10015 week, seemingly at random Rather than starting grandly with a full programme, it begins in dribs and drabs 10 maile Leicestershire Hampshire on April 17 in the first division, with another game -- plus two from the sec-

ond division — a day later,
Once again, the champion,
ship is peripatetic. At least ving start Leicestershire, defending the title, have been allowed the courtesy of playing in the first

A 16-page guide to the coming season, with full details of the World Cup and domestic competitions

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round of matches, against Essex at Chelmsford starting on Tuesday next week. Do not, however, make the mistake of thinking that this sets the tone. By the middle of May, four-day games will have begun on five different days of the week.

An expansion of the Nat-West Trophy to 60 teams represents another minefield to the unwary. As well as the minor counties, it features recreational teams from each of the first-class counties, comprising the best club cricketers in the area. Denmark are also admitted for the first time.

The World Cup will nudge county affairs into the background well before England open the tournament against Sri Lanka at Lord's on May 14. In the week before, any. number of disgruntled sweats have the opportunity to press a point in warm-up matches between the 12 competing nations and the counties.

By far the most intriguing takes place at Canterbury on May 7, when Kent entertain England - a throwback to the days of Alfred Mynn and Fuller Pilch. Surely this confirms that, however much people tamper with the game. no idea is original, simply a variation of a theme.



before the game there today. Photograph: Ben Gurr

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ANTIGUA (final day of five): Austrlia beat West Indies by

IT MAY have been enough to make any red-blooded fast bowler spit, but it cost Glenn McGrath a fine, a reprimand and a warning before he delivered the victory that Australia craved to maintain their grip on the Frank Worrell Trophy.

McGrath did not have to stoop to anything so distaste-ful. Adrian Griffith, who had been forced to retire hurt when McGrath hit him on the elhow, had defied Australia for almost five hours, but there were still 21/2 hours and 41 overs remaining when Mc-Grath had Corey Colymore caught at third slip to give him

AN EXCLUSIVE PRIZE DRAW

FROM PAT GLBSON IN ANTIGUA

McGrath mars match-winning performance

series and Australia victory by 176 runs to ensure that the series ended level at 2-2.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30 (Shahid 8), 2-116 (Haz 52), 3-261 (Incamam 52), 4-260 (Wasim 12), 5-311 (Moin 17)

Few in the stands noticed anvihing untoward as the umpires removed the bails at the end of the fourth day, but the all-seeing eye of television captured the unattractive spectacle of McGrath spitting on the

pitch in the vicinity of Griffith Just in case officialdom had missed it. Brian Lara, the West Indies captain, drew it to the attention of Raman Subba Row, the match referee, and, after studying several televi-sion replays, he charged Mc-Grath with bringing the game

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SCOREBOARD FROM SHARJAH

BOWLING: Gough 10-1-55-8 (nb 9, w 1, 4 izers 1 sx 51-28 1, 2-0-80, 3-0-21-2) identally 10-0-84-0 (w 2 9 izers, 7-0-35-0, 2-0-15-0, 10-13-0); Eathern 10-0-2-1 (ph 1; 4 izers one spain; Crift 8-0-38-0 2 sees; one spain; Crift 8-0-38-0 2 sees; one spain; HotBonter 5-0-38-0 (a izers; 4-0-24-0, 1-0-6-0); High 2-0-13-0 (one spain; Filmont 7-0-62-1 (2 sees; 5 izers; 4-0-25-0, 3-0-37-1).

At the subsequent hearing, Subba Row accepted that, in the act of spitting, McGrath was not actually aiming at Griffith but found that because the incident had been seen by so many television viewers if not too many spectators, it demanded disciplinary action. Consequently, Me-Grath was reprimanded,

warned and, since he was already under a suspended sentence of 30 per cent of his match fee (about £900) for abusing Alan Mullally during the sixth Test at Melbourne earlier this year, fined.

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(13 balls) Extras (fb 10, w 10, nb 3).

McGrath, whose sustained aggression has done more than anything to quell the great West Indies revival in this series, apologised for "something which occurred on the spur of the moment" and later shook hands with Griffith. There was more frustration for him yesterday when Griffith, a left-hander from Barbados playing in only his third Test, continued to defy

all his attempts to get him out. West Indies had lost Jimmy Adams in the third over after they resumed on 105 for four when he overbalanced as Colin Miller surprised him with a quicker ball and lan Healy completed a brilliant leg-side

Griffith, who often seemed to be all at sea against Mo-Grath, managed to see him off and went on to survive comfortably enough against the swing of Adam Dale and the spin of Miller and Stuart

Ridley Jacobs kept Griffith company for 25 overs before Steve Waugh, the captain, turned again to the medium pace of Greg Blewett, who had already taken the important wicket of Carl Hooper. Again Blewett did the trick,

surprising Jacobs with his skiddy pace to have him leg-before and, though Nehemiah Perry survived to hunch, the new ball was due soon afterwards and McGrath took it at 189 and resumed his assault on Griffith. However, it was MacGill who began to pick his way through the tail. Perry slogged him to mid-wicket and, when the leg spinner bowled Curtly Ambrose, West Indies were 190 for eight with 45 overs remaining.

Griffith's long vigil ended on 56 when he was given out leg-before playing no stroke to a MacGill leg-break and it was only a matter of time before McGrath completed one of the greatest fast bowling performances seen even in these

SCOREBOARD FROM ANTIGUA

Ambrose 5 for 94). Second Innings 305 (J L Langer 127, M E Waugh 65, C A Walsh 4 for 78) WEST INDIES: First Immgs 222 (8 C

Second Invinos S L Campbell c Healy b McGraih .29
A F G Griffith low b MacGill ... 56
D R E Joseph c Miller b Date 17
*8 C Lara low b McGrain 7 Extras (b 5, lb 12, nb 3)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-58, 3-69, 4-87, 5-105, 6-145, 7-184, 8-190, 9-209. BOWLING. McGreth 35 5-15-50-3; Date 12-5-28-1; MacGat 26-8-60-3; Miller 21-10-27-1, Blewett 8-3-9-2. Umpires. D.L. Orchard (South Africa) and S.A. Bucknor.

played on with a fractured eye

RUGBY LEAGUE: LONDON BRONCOS CAPTAIN FACES DECISION ON WEMBLEY START

Edwards far from final thumbs-up

By Christopher Irvine

SHAUN EDWARDS, the London Broncos captain, is considering whether he should risk permanent injury by making a record-extending eleventh Silk Cut Challenge Cup final app-earance at Wembley against Leeds Rhinos next month.

A specialist has advised the former Great Britain scrum half not to play for up to 12 weeks after he broke his right thumb in the semi-final defeat of Castleford Tigers. Edwards played the second half of the match and six days afterwards against Hull Sharks using painkillers before going for Xrays. "It's broken in a really bad place and if it doesn't set properly, I might end up with very bad arthritis - and I'm right-handed," Edwards said.

Dan Stains, the Broncos

coach, is reluctant to rule out a

player with such a learless reputation as Edwards, who

(b) A label projecting from a leaf of a book. From from ledge + it. The Bookseller, 1885: "Half-bound, with Parchment Ledgits for the

socket during Wigan's 1990 cup final defeat of Warthe JJB Super League leaders. However, their front-row problems have not been helped by Meanwhile, London hope to an injury to Matt Salter in the have Robbie Simpson, Robbie Beazley and Peter Gill back in their pack for the visit to the Stoop Memorial Ground to-

WORD-WATCHING

(a) A dog's skin blown up as a bladder, and

used to float the herring-nets. The Manx word.

As empty as a mollag - quite empty. As full as a mollag - dead drunk. "Your head's as empty as

defeat at Leeds on Monday.

morrow night of St Helens,

After a 30-14 league defeat away to Halifax on Tuesday night. Andy Gregory, the Sal-

ford Reds coach, summoned his players to a 7am training session yesterday, accusing some of them of living in "thecomfort zone. Malcolm Alker, the Salford hooker, has Sprung a shoulder, but Gregory hopes to have Gary Broadbent at full back and David Hulme at loose forward for

the visit of Castleford.

(b) The New Zealand Whitewood tree, Melicyrus ramiflorus. "Mahoe grows to a height of not: more than 50 feet."

MONGIBEL

(a) Mount Etna. From Monte Gibello. From the Arabic jabal - a mountain. "Within us we felt too often such furnaces or Mongibels of Mongibels of fires.

SOLUTION TO WINNING MOVE I Qxc6! and if I ... dxc6 2 Rd8+ Qf8 3 Rxf8+ Kxf8. 4 Rd8+ Ke7 5 Nxc6+ Kf6 6 Nxb8 and White.



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ny sport that plays with danger will always have an image problem. Whether it is the Grand National or mountain climbing whenever things go wrong there is clamour for it to be banned. The latest sport under attack is canyoning ---a high-adrenalin mix of swimming jumping and abseil-ing This week, it claimed the life of a 17-year-old British girl in the Blue Mountains of Australia and the weight of public disapproval will, inevi-

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ably, follow. Such concern is nothing new. After the first Grand National in 1839, one newspaper in Liverpool savaged the race as "an affront to humanitarian principles" and, from that day, the accusation has become an annual event.

As far as we know, the Oueen has not yet called in the Prime Minister over the dangers of Aintree, but another sport that had its infancy in the nineteenth century did

Taking the pursuit of danger to its peak

not get off so lightly. The first great accident in mountain climbing occurred in 1865, when four of a team of seven fell to their deaths on the Matterhorn. Queen Victoria was so far from being amused that she called in Gladstone to get the new and dangerous Sport hanned.

The tragedy that caused such a wave of excitement, grief and indignation came only two hours after a party. led by Edward Whymper, the English climber, had achieved the first ascent of the mountain.

More than a century later, Alan Lyall, another climber (with an obsession to match that of Whymper) has devoted years of his life to producing a mountain of a book, a magnificently encyclopaedic guide to the most famous accident in climbing history.



Many English gentlemen were caught in a rough race to the top?

On July 14, 1865, a team composed of Whymper, Charles Hudson, a dergyman, Lord Francis Douglas, the heir to the Marquess of Queensberry, and Douglas Haddow, a 19-year-old novice

son, also Peter, as guides, set out for the Matterhorn.

The climb proved to be easier than they feared, but during the descent things went horribly wrong. Haddow slipped and pulled Hudson, Croz and Douglas with him. The rope between the elder Taugwalder and Douglas broke and the four fell 4,000ft to their deaths. Eventually, Whymper and the Taugwalders returned, terrified, to Zermatt. The next day, Whymper recovered three of the bodies. The body of Lord Doug-

In the great flurry of of public speculation that followed, the British press asked how four could have fallen (including two experienced climbers and a renowned guide) while three remained safe. Ru-

dimber, with Michel Croz. mours spread that Whymper Peter Taugwalder and his or Taugwalder had cut the or Taugwalder had cut the rope to save their own skins.

An inquiry was set up at Zerman, but, despite days of interrogations, no charges were made and rumours persisted. Dozens of letters were published in The Times and Whymper himself was obliged to give an account of the incident in the newspaper in August, 1865. An editorial in The Times asked "why the best blood of England was to

inaccessible peaks". These English gentlemen. like many since, were actually caught up in a rough, tough race to be first to the top. National pride added an edge to the adventure. Whymper had initially persuaded Jean-Antoine Carel, an Italian climber, to attempt the mountain with him. Bad

waste itself scaling hitherto



A contemporary illustration of the Matterhorn tragedy

weather ruled that out - but on July II, while Whymper was still asleep, Carel and a team set out to conquer the Matterhorn. Whymper was outraged and the race was on. When the English party

no footprints in the snow, Whymper realised that they had won and hurled rocks down the Italian side of the mountain to let Carel's party know they had been beaten.

In London, Queen Victoria's private secretary wrote to the Prime Minister: "The Queen commands me to ask if you think she can say anything to mark her disapproval of the dangerous Alpine excursions which this year have occasioned so much loss of life." Gladstone replied that

he saw "no room for action". If the Victorians had any doubts about the thoroughness of the enquiry in Zermatt, they would have none about the exhaustive archive assembled by Lyall. He is a lawyer and his book is the case for the defence of Whymper and climbing as a sport.

Mountaineering survived the avalanche of public hostility that this first and most famous accident heaped upon it, but whenever there is a death on the mountains, in the canyons or in any other dangerous sport, the public will be baffled by the attempts of sportsmen to explain why they take such risks.

Lyall covers every inch of the Matterhorn and every detail of the fall, but can never quite explain what drives the climber to the top. If you really want to know what makes men play with danger and death on the mountains, you are left clinging to the words of George Mallory.

Asked why he wanted to climb Everest, he replied: "Because it's there." Mallory lies where he died, close to the top of his mountain. ☐ The First Descent of the Matterhorn by Alan Lyall is available from Henry Sother-

an Ltd. Phone: 0171 439 6151.

JOHN BRYANT

FOOTBALL

Vialli looks to make flying start

THE flight to triumph in the Cup Winners' Cup is mostly made up of runway and Chelsea, in three rounds against markedly inferior opponents, have been trundling over the tarmac for seven months. However, tonight, in the first leg of the semi-final, Gianluca Vialli's side will have to take wing if they hope to land in the final, at Villa Park on May 19, and retain the trophy.

Playing against Real Mallorca at Stamford Bridge, one vir-tue must be ditched. Chelsea are renowned for the patience of their style, but it will not be enough simply to lap against the Spanish dub's defence. Coastal erosion has never removed a cliff in just 90 minutes. Although Mallorca are not a particularly tall team, they are capable of monumen-

Whatever other advantages they retain. Chelsea, who have scored 45 times in 30 FA Carling Premiership matches. have conceded wryly that they will not beat Manchester Unience. The side has made good progress with a strategy that is, in essence, conservative. To some extent, the approach has been foisted upon them.

Part of Chelsea's intended decamped to panache when Brian Denmark Laudrup decided that he would be happier in his homeland. Nonetheless, there is a worldliness to Vialli, the player-manager. He is relatively new to the post, but, as a veteran footballer, he carries in his mind the old tradition of painstaking prudence that used to define the sport in Italy.

Chelsea are talented enough to adopt different guises. A year ago, at the same stage of tournament, they produced a barnstorming performance to score three goals in the second leg after

Vicenza had taken the lead. A

recreation of the mood and

catapulting attacks of that occasion may be called for against a resolute Mallorca.

Both Real Madrid and Barcelona have been beaten by Mallorca this season and they now represent Spain's last genuine prospect of a European trophy, after Atletico Madrid's decisive 3-1 defeat at home by Parma in the Uefa Cup on

The environment that they enter this evening will cause them no disquiet. In the quarter-final, an overawed Valerenga looked as they might be more intent on collecting autographs at Stamford Bridge than in writing their own names into the history books. Mallorca, accustomed to trips to the Nou Camp and the Santiago Bernabéu, will not be so stagestruck in West London.

The Cup Winners' Cup has. so far, been a per project for Vialli and its matches bring the most regular sightings of the forward. He chose himself for both games with Valerenga and will probably take part ing test. While Graham Rix, Vialli's customary lieutenant, serves a prison sentence, Ray Wilkins holds the supervisory

role on the sidelines. It is Vialli's judgment that will be applied to the case of Gustavo Poyet. The Uruguayan has not started a match since Boxing Day, when his knee was badly injured, and on his return, as a substitute in the victory away to Charlton Athletic on Saturday, his display was convalescent in tone. The player has doubts over the depth of his fitness, but pointed out that he returned, after six months of recovery from cruciate ligament damage, to face Vicenza last season.

Vialli will contemplate using him in some capacity, so important has been his knack of supplying the breakthrough with a goal from midfield.



Roa, who is excelling with Mallorca in Spain, made his name as the man who knocked England out of the World Cup

Roa's savings account swelling

here is always something about a Latin American goalkeep-er. René Higuita gave us the scorpion save at Wembley, José Luis Chilavert was the magnificent prima donna of the World Cup and. tonight, Carlos Roa intends to stand defiant against Chelsea

Roa is the Argentina goalkeeper who saved penalties from Paul Ince and David Batty to eliminate England from the World Cup last summer. He organises the meanest desence in Spain, where his team, Real Mallorca, have remained stubbornly among the Primera Liga leaders by conceding less than a goal a game - 21 in 28 matches.

Modest with it, Roa, who typically let nothing pass him last weekend when Mallorca won 2-0 away to Villarreal, said: "We don't let in many. but it's down to the whole team's hard graft. We're a disciplined side who work hard defensively all over the pitch." Roa read speculation that Manchester United looked

Rob Hughes, Chief Sports Writer, on an Argentine goalkeeper

threatening to block English hopes

still play some games on Satthrough camaraderie and urday afternoons. As a Sevteam ethic. "Dani" Garcia, a striker enth Day Adventist, this goalcomfortable with the

Spanish Sunday routine. The island community. with its modest 14,000-seat Lluis Sitjar stadium, supports a club built on Wimbledon finances and Arsenal method. Hector Cuper, the coach, also an Argentinian, last season blended Mallorca into a side that finished fifth in Spain, but those players quickly dispersed. Nine were sold off. but Cuper took other people's casts-offs and welded them

DETAILS

CHELSEA (possible: 4-4-2): E de Goey — A Ferrer, M Dessaily, F Lebodul, G Le Saux — D Petrescu, D Wise, R D Manteo, G Poyer — G Visili, G Zola.

REAL MALLORCA (possible, 4-4-2). C Ros — X Olazola, G Sweno, Marce-ino, M Soler — Lauren, V Ergorga, A beggsz, V Paunovo — Dev. L Begni Referen: D Joi (The Netherlands) TELEVISION: Channel 5. Inc., from 7.30.

er, from Cameroon, forms a partnership with Engonga in front of the back four that does for Mallorca what Vieira and Petit do for Arsenal. "Nobody," Engonga said, "beats us at running. So, at a profit of £7 million,

Cuper has recast Mallorca in the cosmopolitan manner of Madrid, Vicente Engonga, a When the Argentinian obmidfield enforcer, and Elena served that Chelsea have Marcelino, a tough centre great players but that nothing back, have all gained internaintimidates his team, it is no tional caps late in their caidle boast. The new Mallorca reers. Next. Cuper plundered have beaten Barcelona, Real Lanus, his former club on the Madrid and thrashed Atlético outskirts of Buenos Aires, for Madrid 4-0. Not until late Gustavo Siviero, an uncom-January, when Mallorca skidpromising central defender. ded in torrential rain to a 4-2 defeat away to Celta Vigo, was Roa's goal breached more Trom Lanus, 100, came Ariel Ibragaza, a mid-field player, and Ari-el "Chupa" Lopez, a

than once in a match. "Lettuce", as the vegetarian Roa is known to his teammates, has never been so wet or so exposed. In the Cup Winners' Cup, Heart of Midlothian, Racing Genk, of Belgium, and Varteks Varazdin, of Croatia, have been squeezed out with a miserly aggregate of six goals to three. Cuper said: "Chelsea are technically very good, but I'd never regard an opposing team as one we cannot beat."

O'Leary decides to retain Korsten

By STEPHEN WOOD

LEEDS United are expected to complete the permanent signing of Willem Korsten, the midfield player, who has been on loan at Elland Road for the past three months. Korsten. whose registration papers are still held by Vitesse Arnhem, the Dutch club, has impressed David O'Leary, the Leeds man-

ager, during the loan spell. The fee could rise to £1.5 million and O'Leary will aim to complete the deal before April 15, the transfer deadline day in The Netherlands.

O'Leary said: "Only time will tell whether we will be able to get another two or three people during the summer, but for now, Korsten will be a nice acquisition for us."

O'Leary wants at least another centre back and striker.

Alan Stubbs, the Celtic defender, has expressed a wish to return to English football and O'Leary is believed to be interested in signing the former Bol-ton Wanderers player.

Charlton Athletic are investigating a proposal to build a new stadium at the Millennium Dome site in Greenwich. The site is only half a mile away from their present home at The Valley and a new stadium would increase the club's existing crowd capacity from

Paul Jones, the Southampton goalkeeper, could miss the rest of the season through injury. Jones, 31, suffered back spasms before Wales's European championship qualifying match against Switzerland last week and is awaiting the results of a scan that will dictate whether he can play again before June.

Halifax Town, the Nationwide League third division club, have dismissed Kieron O'Regan, their manager, and Andy May, O'Regan's assistant. Dave Worthington has been appointed on a game-togame basis.

Edilson, a left back with Red Star Belgrade, of Yugoslavia, is expected to arrive for a trial with Liverpool tomorrow. If the Brazil-born player impres-ses, the Antield club could make the move permanent for

New back treatment benefits Heskey

BY CHRIS MOORE

EMILE HESKEY, the Leicester City striker who has been handicapped by a back injury, has returned to action after revolutionary training sessions with David Rennie, a physiotherapist and former swimming international.

Leicester's club doctors had

suspected that Heskey's injury was related to a stress fracture, but tests by Rennie at the East Midlands therapy clinic in Loughborough diagnosed an imbalance of the muscles in his back. Rennie holds a degree in sports science.

Mick Yeoman, the Leicester City physio, said: "His muscles have not been firing together properly. This condition will not show up medically. It's something that's a bit

off the wall. "Emile has been suffering from back spasms for several months. Ten minutes into a game, his back would seize up. We'd massage it at halftime, but gradually it just took

"He was assessed for two weeks at the clinic and has spent the last two weeks undergoing special training and exercises with David Rennie. He has a session with him before he trains with the rest of the players and another two-

"It usually involves sprinting and cycling while fimed on a heart-rate monitor. It's a new concept and there's no one else in the country specialising in it."

Yeoman said that Heskey was initially sceptical about the treatment - but since beginning this treatment, he's really picked up and is now a different person mentally.

"He came in at half-time against Sours last Saturday pain-free but was still very concerned that the discomfort would soon come back. We had to reassure him it wouldn't. He had a blinder in the second half."

Heskey has lost 9lb in nine days and is "ahead of schedule" on his recovery pro-gramme. "David Rennie thinks he has only reached 80 per cent of his overall fitness

FOOTBALL IN BRIEF

■ Queens Park Rangers are likely to release up to 20 players in the summer in a bid to ease their wage bill. The club has been losing nearly £100,000 a week since dropping out of the FA Carling Premiership three years ago.

There are 44 professionals on the books, compared to 24 when they played in the Premiership. Steve Morrow, the former Arsenal midfield player player, and Gavin Peacock. who was signed from Chelsea. and who together cost the club more than £500,000 a year. are likely top the list of those to be sold.

Gerhard Aigner, the secretary of Uefa, the European governing body, has suggested that all players should have to pass a referees' test before signing their first professional contract. Aigner also proposes that players should then referee a match once a month at local youth level.

Hibernian have clinched a sponsorship deal estimated to be worth £500,000 over the next two years with Carlsberg.

Javier Margas, the West ham United and Chile international defender, has told Nelson Acosta, the national coach, that he wants to retire because he is exhausted by the demands of the game. Margas, 29, has played only a handful of games for the club since signing from Universidad Catolica.

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striker, though the latter

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Completing his brew, the

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GOLF

Charterhouse chase more glory in epic

THE Halford Hewitt Cup, to the cognoscenti just as much a part of spring as daffodils and the Boat Race, starts in Kent today, maintaining a tradition that celebrates its 75th anniversary this year. The competition, "the

Hewitt" to its intimates, is a knockout foursomes competition between 640 members of the Public Schools Golfing Society. On Sunday afternoon, the winners will be hailed by their peers - and they will merit the accolade, for theirs will be a victory hard won. They will have played six rounds of matchplay golf in fewer than 96 hours; no wonder it is regarded as one of the toughest tournaments in amateur golf.

The format is simple - ten players per team, five foursomes over 18 holes - but the discrepancy in handicaps will be wide There will be teams playing at Royal Cinque Ports and Royal St George's with combined handicaps in excess of 100 and others with a total of less than ten.

The holders are Charterhouse, who beat Tonbridge 3-2 last year. Both teams will be strong again, as will Shrewsbury and Malvern.

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Changes to Augusta National bring big hitters to the fore



Pointing the way: Woods, already a champion, passes the time with Garcia, one for the future, during practice for the Masters at Augusta National

THE 63rd Masters begins this morning with animated talk of golf's new rivalry. Welcome to the dawning of an era in which Tiger Woods and David Duval will battle it out around the world as Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus did in the early Sixties and then Nicklaus and Tom Watson did in the Seventies and Eighties.

Will Mark O'Meara, the champion, help either Woods or Duval into the winner's green jacket on Sunday evening, so promising that we will be enthralled for the coming years by the derring-do of Duval, so cerebral and lowkey off the course and so thunderous on it, and Woods's insouciant power?

Such a view needs a ring of authenticity to underscore it. It does not come from Jack Nicklaus, whose absence from the Masters was likened by Greg Norman to "your wife losing the diamond out of her wedding ring". Nicklaus has played in every Masters since 1959, when he was an amateur, but he misses the event this year because he has not recovered fully after having a ceramic hip fitted three months

"I think the reason Arnold and I became a rivalry was because Arnold was winning most of the major championships and then I came along and won my first major by

Woods favoured in the long run

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN AUGUSTA

beating Arnold in a play-off and then came back in 1963 and won the Masters. So. all of a sudden, it was two fellows winning major championships against each other."

This is hardly the case with Woods, who has won one major championship — the Musters in 1997 — and Duval, who has won II of his past 34 events but not yet a major. "That doesn't mean they aren't the two best players in the world, because I think they are." Nicklaus said, "but if you want to create a rivalry, wait until one wins the Masters and another wins the US Open. Then you've got a rivalry."

Furthermore, raising Duval and Woods to a status far above their rivals seems to be ignoring Ernie Els, who has won twice as many major championships as Woods and Duval combined and is a legitimate member of the group of great players under 30. It also



holds the US PGA title and so could win two major championships in a row if he were to triumph this week, Davis Love III, who has finished in the top ten here three times in the Nineties, and Lee Westwood, whose form was impressive in Jacksonville two weeks ago.

For years now, Europe's challenge has been small in numbers but large in impact, Europeans having won ten of the past 19 Masters. Oddly, this year, when a record 18 members of the European Tour have been invited to comchallenge seems weaker than

The glorious exception is Sergio García, 19, the precociously talented Spaniard who is competing in his 27th professional tournament. García, coached and guided by Severiano Ball-esteros and José Maria Olazábal, is a good bet to be the first Amateur champion since Peter McEvoy in 1978 to play all four rounds.

There is speculation as to when Garda will turn professional and although the informed guess is at the Spanish Open in two weeks, it is not written in stone.

Colin Montgomerie has always firmly held the view that he cannot play Augusta, that a course with such wide fairways does not reward his accuracy from the tee or his inclination to hit a high fade. Funny, that. It didn't seem to stop Nicklaus from winning If, as Nicklaus said, it is too

soon to be talking of a Duval and Woods rivalry, it is not too soon to suggest that Duval may be too emotionally spent to win his third event in succes-sion, while Woods, who is close to his best, can triumph.

The changes to the course, lengthening the 2nd and 17th holes and planting 35ft pine trees on the right of the 15th, can only help Woods and the doubling of the length of some of the rough should hardly affect him. With his enormous length, he can get nearer to the 2nd green in two than most and so position himself better to pitch close. "Everything they have done has made it better for the long hitter," Love said.
The more difficult it is always gives the advantage to the long

The Masters has been won more in the Nineties by a golfer of finesse - Faldo (1990 and 1996), Olazábal (1994), Crenshaw (1995), O'Meara (1998) than one of length — Woo-snam (1991), Couples (1992) and Woods (1997). The changes this year suggest that it will be a big hitter who will wear the green jacket. If it is Woods, then, perhaps, we can talk of a



Strolling along the precipice of paradise Lynne Truss feels the shivers down her spine in the haircut

CBS man with a sculpted and a nice blazer speaks to camera. from a position high up above the 18th green at Augusta National. Below us, this historic. emerald arena looks quite small - but then so was the Globe Theatre, as it happens; so is the Mona Lisa. He clears technicolour dreamworld of Augusta National

es, to let the phrase "precipice

of history" sink in and then

his throat and begins again. "As Mark O'Meara lined up his 105th putt of the tournament," he says earnestly land identically) for the fifth time. "he realised that hanging in

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resumes. "Now was the time to make a leap of faith" - long pause — "in himself." Wow. It's all shiver-up-thespine stuff here at Augusta National, a place whose reputation for exclusivity means Choose a film for the that entrance to the course in Masters week is something like having a day-ticket to parway you feel tonight. adise - especially if your idea

of paradise includes waving at Greg Norman or seeing for yourself how long Bernhard Langer's putter is. People wandering around

on practice days, and spotting Jack Nicklaus in a buggy, have pinch-me awe last seen on the teenage Richard Attenborough in the film A Mat-

ter of Life and Death, when he steps off the celestial escalator, sees the blonde with the big book and says, with eyes like saucers, 'This is heaven, isn't it'?

It's got flowering bushes, you know. Famous for it. Fullblown azaleas all over the shop, in those garish pinks, cherries and mauves that always look like they've been applied afterwards by someone colour-blind with too much paint on the brush. It's all immaculately tidy. It's quiet. It's "southern by the grace of God". And it's all

there had gotten him to the precipice of history." He pauscalling you (but only where applicable) "Maam".

Today, the best players in the world start teeing off with their names announced and a round of applause. Or to put it another way, the precipice of history leads them to take the leap of faith - long pause in luck, nerve and a following wind. Practice days are considerably more relaxed and the visitors take pictures of scoreboards and litter bins and grab Fred Couples's autograph before he can dodge out of the way

Personally. I have an ambiv-

by someone colour-blind?

alence about collecting 'The azaleas look like they have been painted

> autographs that means I hang back from the feeding frenzy and then, afterwards, feel a shameful urge to mug the people who've been successful. Which is my way of admitting that I let Couples go, when he was this close and now will never forgive myself. Out on the course, the prettyin-pink is at odds with the weirdly surreal, as the huge greens, like Dali clocks, bend in the middle and flop at the edges and the wide. tilting fairways try to trick the unwary into believing that the course is easy - just before they lose ori

there is a bit of rough (to coin a phrase), but most people have been pointing and say-ing, "Call that rough?". because at an inch and a half it doesn't exactly grab you round the ankles and rip holes in your jumper. A reassuring amount of

This year, momentously

laughing and gooning takes place on practice days. On the 18th green, Fred Funk makes a putt and thrusts both arms up, O'Meara-fashion. On the 15th green, John Miller, a round-faced amateur from Indiana, lets one of his small, round-faced children make

his putt for him (it goes in). And at the short 16th played over a small lake, Phil Mickelson and John Daly both rise to the crowd's trickshot challenge and "skip" the

ball across the water, so that it bounces four times and reaches the safety of the far bank, to and applause. Who will look

over that preci-

nice of history when the time comes? Most people nominate the players they feel deserve to win - Norman. Couples, Daly - or the people who seem dead certs - Duval. Woods. So I'm plumping for Emie Els, which isn't controversial; Sergio Garcia, because for a young European amateur to win it would be deliriously exciting: Phil Mickelson, because it's about time, quite honestly, that he stopped loafing about in major tournaments: and Jesper Parnevik, because everyone has a Scunthorpe United and Parnevik is mine.

TEE TIMES FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

United States unless stated denotes an amateur all times BST 13.00 today: G Sarazen, B Nelson, S Snead (honorary starters) 13.15 today and 16.11 tomorrow: W Casper, G Brewer, D Ford

13,26 and 16.22: S Pate, S Hoch, 13.37 and 16.33: J Daly, G Hjertsled (Swe). O Browne 13.48 and 16.44: A Lyle (GB), 13.59 and 16.55: C Stadler, C Party

14.10 and 17.06: R Royd, C Montgomene (GB), S Jones 14.21 and 17.17: J M Qlazabai (Sp), 14.32 and 17.28: E Els (SA: D Love III. T Lehman 14.43 and 17.39: J Leonard,

14.54 and 17.50: F Couples, S Ellungton (Aus), S McCarron 15.05 and 18.01: B Faxon, J P Hayes, 16.55 and 13.59: N Feldo (GB). B Watts. J Durant 17.06 and 14.10: F ZoeSer, M Ozaig (Japan), F Funk 17.17 and 14.21: A Pakner, * J Miler, T Dodds (Nam) 15,16 and 18.12; T Walson

* M Kuchar, S Appleby (Aus) 15.27 and 18.23: I Woosnam (GB), P Sigland (Swell, A Magee 15,38 and 18,34: T Woods, S García (Sp), T Herror 15.49 and 18.45: L Mize, C Franco 15.00 and 18.56: T Aaron.

M.A. Jiménez (Sp.), C. Perry 16.11 and 13.15; G. Player (SA). "I Immelman (SA), S Stricke 16.22 and 13.26; 6 Cranshaw, * T McKnight, L Roberts 16.33 and 13.37: S Ballesierus (Sp). 16.44 and 13.48; J Maggert, V Singh (Fin), P Stewart

17,28 and 14,32: B Langer (Ger), M Calcavecchia, D Clerke (GB) 17,39 and 14,43: P McAelson, G Norman (Aus), J Parnevik (Swe) 17,50 and 14,54: L Janzen, J Cook, F Lickiter 18,01 and 15,05: J Hass, W Andredo, 7 Sjorn (Den) 18.12 and 15.16: M O'Meera, * H Kouhne, L Westwood (GB) 18.23 and 15.27: D Duvel, N Price (2im), R Tway 18,34 and 15,38; C Coody, B Jobe. P-U Johansson (Swe) 18,45 and 15,49: M Brooks, S Cink,

O Tores 18.56 and 16.00: P Azerger, J Furyl, G Day

An inspirational voyage

Simon's Journey BBC1, 9_30pm

Simon Weston, OBE, the Welsh Guardsman who sumon Weston, OBE, the Welsh Guardsman who survived 46 per cent burns during the Falklands war, has been the subject of four previous BBC films. The latest brings us up-to-date and includes a summary of his story so far, from the excruciatingly painful treatment of his face and hands, through the years of depression, unemployment and heavy drinking. 10 the determination to leave home, find a new role and set up a charity, and the subsequent achievement determination to leave home, find a new role and set up a charity, and the subsequent achievement of national fame as a fundraiser and public speaker. In the last film he returned to the Falklands and met the Argentine pilot whose bomb hit the Sir Galahad and caused Simon's injuries. Tonight we see the pilot, Carlos Cachón, accompanied by his wife, visiting the Westons at home. Another highlight of the film is Weston's fundraising participation in a New York marathon, sponsored by Paul Newman.

Making It: Habitat

BBC2, 7.30pm (not Scotland or Northern Ireland) In an effort to regain its place at or near the head of the field of domestic interior design, the Habitat company recruited the designer Tom Dixon to give its product range a new look. At a London showcase for young designers, he discovers two graduates of Brighton University, Jacqui Caley and Rachael Roberts, and offers them short-term contracts on the basis of their exhibits. The real world proves both exhibitating and frustrating for the pair, although Dixon does seem to be pleased with what they turn out and takes them to Venice to see samples of Caley's designs being made...

NYPD Blue Channel 4, 10pm

Detective Sipowicz (Dennis Pranz) is in double jeopardy as he allows his concern over Simone (Jimmy Smits) to affect his judgment while investigating the murder of a 75-year-old widow. Simone is awaiting a heart transplant operation (the pre-

Simon Weston meets Paul Newman as part of his fundraising (BBC1, 9.30pm)

cinct officers have orders to report in any likely donors) and Sipowicz loses control when confront-ed with the munilated body of a woman whose only. relatives, her two sons, are apparently indifferent to her fate. When one of them attempts to hang himself after questioning, does Sipowicz rescusci-tate him just a little too slowly, in order to provide his best buddy with a new heart? Tony Patrick

Golf: The US Masters

Bob Harris Country

Radio 2, 7pm

BBC2, 9pm and BBC1, 10.30pm

Steve Ryder introduces coverage of the opening round of the 63rd Masters from Augusta. Georgia Mark O'Meara ranks high among the favournies — ditto his fellow American and close friend Tiger Woods, the 1997 victor, who lost out as O'Meara triumphed 12 months ago. The British challenge is likely to be spearheaded by Colin Montgomerie — who ended 1998 as Europe's top golfer for the sixth successive year — and the ever-confident Lee Westwood. The drama will unravel beneath the towering pine trees and along the azalea-fringed fairways which make the Augusta National golf it course one of the most spectacular in the world. We will have to wait until the early hours of Monday it to see who prevails.

Radio 2's country music output has been under-going a rethink and the result is this new series.

presented by the man who made breathy delivery something of a fashion during his time fronting The Old Grey Whistle Test. The arrival of Harris

as presenter is in fact the main change to the programme and it will be interesting to see how

well his laid-back style meshes with the upfront, "aw-shucks" approach that is the hallmark of most country music folk. The first programme should have little difficulty agracting an audience for it has Emmylou Harris in the studio, fresh from her

second album collaboration with Linda Ronstadt and Dolly Parton. Harris (Emmylou, not Bob) talks about her new solo album. Peter Barnard

RADIO CHOICE

Mayoral Chains

Radio 4, 8pm Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, Ken Livingstone and the other candidates to be Mayor of London ought to listen to this account, presented by Nigel Wrench, of the various attempts that have been made to run London properly down the centuries. Afterwards, they may feel like giving up the candidacy and moving on to something easier. As Wrench reports, in medieval times the monarch and the lord Mayor fought each other to a As Wrench reports, in medieval times the monarch and the Lord Mayor fought each other to a standstill for control of the city, a battle that was of course as nothing compared with Margaret Thatcher versus Livingstone in the 1980s (Thatcher by a knockout). There is also the question of how the Mayor will get on with the Lord Mayor of (the City of) London, potentially a vexed relationship.

RADIO 1 (BBC)

6.30am Zoe Ball 9.00 Smon Meyo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Mark Radolffe 4.00 Chris Moyles 5.45 Newsbear 6.00 Dave Pearce 8.00 Sleve Lamacq: The Evening Session 10.00 The Global Update 10.10 John Peel 12.00 Andy Karshaw 2.00am

RADIO 2 (BBC)

6.00em Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Bob Harris Country, See Choice 8.00 Paul Jones 9.00 Take It Easy: California Cool (3/5) 9.30 The News Huddines. New series 10.00 The Alen Price Set (5/6) 10.30 Richard Alinson 12.00 Mo Dulta 3.00mm Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

5.00am Moming Reports 6.00 Breakfast 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News 1.00pm Ian Payne. Racing from Aintree: coverage of the 2.00, 2.35, 3.10 and 3.45 races 4.00 Drive 7.00 News Extra 7.30 Wembley, the Church of Football New series Four-part documentary charting the history of Wembley stadium 8.00 Inside Edge 9.00 Hoops 9.30 Sportshop 10.00 Late Night 1.00am Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00em The Big Boys Brealdast 9.00 Scott Chisholm & Sally James 12.00 Justice Wiff Jacobs 1.00pm Anns Raebum 4.00 The Sports Zone 7.45 Cup Winner's Cup: Chelsea v Mallorca 10.00 James Whale 1.00em Ian Collins

VIRGIN

6.30am. Breakfast Show Team 9.30 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Harnet Scott 6.45 Pete and Geoff 10.00 Gary Davies 1.00am James Marritt 4.30 Phil Kennedy

BBC WORLD SERVICE

5.00am The World Today 7.00 World News 7.15 Outlook 7.55 My Century 8.00 World News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Insight 8.30 Assignment 9.00 World News 9.05 From Our Own Correspondent 9.20 Off the Shell News Ct A Kuhapping 9.35 The World 10.00 World News 10.05 Nelwork 10.20 Andy Karshev's World of Music 10.50 Sports Round-Up 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Britain Today 11.45 World Business Report 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Assignment 1.00 World News 1.05 Outlook 1.45 Sports Round-Up 2.00 Newshour 3.00 World News 4.05 Sports Round-Up 4.1 5 Westway 4.30 The Greenfield Collection 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Insight 6.00 Newdesk 6.30 Record News 6.45 Sports Round-Up 7.30 World News 7.15 Britain Today 7.30 Assignment 8.00 World News 7.15 Britain Today 7.30 Assignment 8.00 World News 8.715 Britain Today 7.30 Assignment 8.00 World News 8.715 Britain Today 7.30 Assignment 8.00 World News 8.715 Britain Today 7.30 Assignment 8.00 World News 8.05 The Works 8.30 Colfee - A Hellish Braw 8.45 Off the Shelf News Of A Küdnepping 9.00 Helish Braw 8.45 Off the Shalf News Of A Kidnepping 9.00 Newshour 10.00 World News 10.95 World Business-Report 10.20 Brisan Today 10.30 Meridan Books 11.00 World News 11.15 Sports Round-Up 11.30 Blues World 12.00 World News 12.05am Outlook 12.45 Insight 1.00 The World Today 1.30 The Worls 1.55 My Century 2.00 The World Today 2.30 -Wastway 2.45 Performance 3.00 The World Today 3.30 World Sports Round-Up

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Michael Mappin's Easier Breakfast. A selection of tousing music to start the day \$0.00 Henry Kelly. The Half of Fame Hour and CD of the Week 12.00 Lunchtme Requests. Jane Jones presents levouris music 2.00pm; Concerto, Bed. (Concerto to 3 Violins in D major) 3.00 Jame Crick. Continuous Classics and Alternoon Romance 6.30 Newsnight. The latest headlines and sport updates 7.00 Smooth Classes at Sevan. John Brunning niroduces classic sounds 8.00 Evening Concert. Britten (The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra); Youghan Williams (A London Symptomy); Wagner (Slegfried Idyll), Tchalkovsky (Romeo and Juliet) 11.00 Mann at Night 2.00am Concerto. Bach (Concerto for 3 Violins in Director), 2.00 Marc Cellittic The Early Repolder Should major) (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths. The Early Breakfast Show

6.00am On Air with Petroc Trelawny Includes Nielsen (Overture: A Fantasy Journey to the Farces): Antonio Soler (Fandango)
9.00 Masterworks with Peter Hobday, Bach 9:00 Masserworks with Peter Hooday, Bach (Chacoms (Paritia No 2 in D minor, BWV1004); Beethoven (Variations and Fugue in E flat, Op 35, Eroica); Moeran (Symphony in G minor) 10.30 Artist of the Week: John Tomilinson 11.00 Sound Stories: Cathedrals Richard Baker investigates the significance of Gloucester Cathedral

12.00 Composer of the Week: British (r)
1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert Joshua

Palkin, piano, plays preludes and fugues by Bach interspersed with some classic rags by Scott

Joptin (r)

2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC Symphony Orchestra.
Rossni (Overture: The Italian Girl in Algiers);
Beelhoven (Piano Concento No 3 in C minor);
Delius (On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring);
Elgar (Symphony No 2 in E Ital)

4.00 The Piano Return of the weekly series in which
Piars Lane investigates the world of the plano past and present (r) 5.00 in Turne Sean Rafferty introduces music including

Prokofiev (Plano Sonata No 2), performed by

Protoney (Mano Sonata No.2), performed by Barry Douglas Performance on 3: Endless Parade Introduced by Geoffrey Baskerville Timothy Hugh, cello, BBC Scottrsh Symphony Orchestra under Osmo

Vanska MacMillan (The Confession of Isobel Gowdle); Walton (Cello Concerto); Vaughan 9.15 Postscript Cinema Apocalyptica (4/5) 9.40 Prench Plano Music for Four Hends Faure (Dolly Suite, Op 56). Kalia and Marielle Labeque,

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(Colly Suite, Op 56). Kalia and Manelle Labeque, pano duel

10.00 Music Restored Lucie Skeaping Introduces a selection of 18th-century French chamber music from the time of Louis XIV

11.00 Night Waves Paul Allen Talks to Tony Harrison about using mythology to interpret modem life and writing dialogue in rhymring couplets

11.30 Jazz Notes Alyn Shipton is joined by Campbell Burriap to review the taltest CDs

12.00 Through the Night Includes Grainger (The Warrors, 12.25 Hendel (Tino Sonata, Op 2 No 3)

12.35 Beethoven (Variations, Op 121a 1.00

Montle-Carlo PO, Stravinsky (The Farry's Kiss); Tchalkovsky (Symphony No 4) 2.05 Spohr (Duo, Op 148) 2.20 Mozart (Piano Concerto No 20) 3.00 Karg-Elent (Nun dankat alte Gott) 3.05 Vienne (Violin Sonata) 3.40 Dukas (La pen) 4.05 Bach (Violin Sonata No 3 in C, BWV1005) 4.30 Localella (Concerto grosso in E flat, Op 7 No 6) 4.45

Germinani (Concerto grosso, Op 5 No 12) 5.00 Germinani (Concerto grosso, Op 5 No 12) 5.00
Rossini (Overture: The Barber of Seville) 5.15
Vivaldi (Sonata, Op 1 No 12) 5.25 Somers (Sute. North Country) 5.40 Chopin (Barcarolle, Op 60)
5.55 Schubert (Songs)

5.30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast
5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day
5.47 Farming Today flural issues, with Arma Hill
6.00 Today with John Humphrys and Sue MacGregor
9.00 Melvyn Bragg: In Our Time Guests join Melvyn
Bragg to consider ideas and events which have
influenced the present age
9.30 Automatic for the People Alan Dein talks to
people who once left their mark on vinyl by using
auto-recording booths (3/4)

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9.45 (FM) Sertal: Just William — The 80th
Anniversary (4/5)

9.45 (LW) Daily Service

10.00 Woman's Hour Sheia McClennon chais to
Martine McCutcheon about her transition from
soan star to shoer

soap star to singer

11.00 Crossing Comments An innovative scheme

11.00 Crossing Continents An innovative scheme designed to improve relations between Estonia and Russia by having larmers foster deprived children from the city
11.30 My Uncle Freddide by Alex Ferguson Cornedy sel on Tynesde charung the relationship between a boy and his uncle (4/6) (r)
12.00 (LW) News Headtines; Shipping Forecast
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1.00 The World at One with James Cox
1.30 Open Country Richard Undge encounters the widtle of Norfolk's waterlands (r)
2.00 The Archers Yesterday's edition (r)
2.15 Afternoon Pley: Woman of Ice An archaeologist working high in the Allai Mountains discovers a princess in the ice Bryony Lavery's fantasy tale, starning Suzanna Hamilton and Matilida Ziegler (r)
3.00 Cell You and Yours 0870 010 0444 Consumer rustice programme, presented by Peter White Justice programme, presented by Peter White
3.28 Radio 4 Appeal Professor Anthony Clare speaks
on behalf of Obsessive Action (r)

3.30 What's Yours is Mine Rory Cellan-Jones explores the role money plays in relationships (3/4) (r)
3.45 This Scaptred Isle Anna Massey narrates part 69 of the history of Britain (r)
4.00 Nice Work Alison Mitchell investigates the

changing world of work.

4.30 The Material World Trevor Philips investigates occurrences of earthquakes in Britain

5.00 PM with Clare English and Eddie Mair

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6.00 Stx O'Clock News
6.30 That Reminds Me Nichotas Parsons reminisces about his career in comedy (3/6)
7.00 The Archers The latest from Ambridge
7.15 Front Row Round-up of arts news
7.45 Diary of a Provincial Lady E.M. Detafield's household journal Broadcast earlier (7)
8.00 Mayoral Chain Nigel Wrench looks at the latest plans for governing London See Choice
8.30 Midterm Blues Dennis Sewell assesses William Hague's success in transforming the Conservative Hague's success in transforming the Conservative

Pague's success in transforming the Conservative party into a viable opposition.

9.00 Leading Edge Geoff Watts reports on the British Psychology Society's annual conference in Beltast Psychology Society Broad Conference and Watter Society Society (1) 10.00 The World Tonlight With Robin Lusting 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Archangel Alan Howard reads 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Archangel Alan Howard reads 11.00 Late Night on 4: Do Go On Griff Phys Jones, Graeme Garden and Metarini but the page in Arrish?

Graeme Garden and Melanie Hudson join Airsley

Elliot in a satirical discussion of media absurdity.

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Experimental Feature: Your Place or Mine? The true story of a rapist who apologised to his victim two months tater (2/5) (r)

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: Earthly days Kewn Whately reads part four of Philippa Gregory's novel 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1,00 As World Service

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Patching things up on the home front

out-of-town superstore where DIYminel television producers can oichop all the materials they need n exble them to go home and builthemselves their very own

printime DIY show.
In DIY SOS (BBCI) — the first of another series, with yet anoer twist on the home improvemertheme — Lowri Turner and NigKnowles are part SAS-style derators and part marriage guidanocounsellors.

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ye see, the gimmick of this sho is that the couple whose how is being renovated are on therink of divorce owing to one paper's incompetence at DIY. By finty installing those flat-pack kiten cupboards, or making the becom habitable, Lowri and Nij are saving marriages across Britt. It's God's work. The other gimick is that viewers get to see skates just call in a reputable build-cli of three houses showing er to finish off the job properly?

calamitously executed DIY and can phone in to choose which of these DIY SOSs will be answered.

What is the point of this show? It's hard to tell. There's not enough DIY tips or design advice to make it instructional and it's hard to imagine TV viewers will respond to the telephone lines with the same zeal as they do to, say, the Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? telephone lines. Maybe it's just there to fill in part of the TV schedules that wasn't already filled with a home improvement show.

Next week's candidates include Lucy Wood, who is so cack-handed that she must think DIY stands for Demolish-It-Yourself; Margaret Knight, whose husband won't connect her shower; and Yvonne Ferguson, whose husband has built an extension to the house but hasn't yet got around to building a door into it. Why don't these cheap-

Now, any TV producer looking for a more intrepid renovation challenge might care to take a look at The Last Train (ITV), a sci-fi drama which doesn't provoke the traditional reaction when watching sci-fi on TV of forcing you to watch through parted fingers (not be-cause you're scared, obviously; but because you daren't look for fear that the next scene will be more preposterous than the last one).

n The Last Train the world has been ravaged by a meteorite. There's not a building or human being left standing. The only apparent survivors are a handful of men and women whose Sheffield-bound train carriage was shielded from the blast by being halfway through a railway tunnel when the meteorite struck.

"Our challenge this week," Lowri and Nick could say, "is to tidy up this awful mess. Now, God took six days to build the world from REVIEW

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scratch. We're on a skimpier budget and tighter deadlines, so we're hoping to do it in five. To give us a helping hand we'll be using quickdrying emulsion instead of gloss. followed by a fast-drying, waterbased varnish - just like we did on those bedroom cupboards we spruced up last week. Phone and tell us where you'd like us to start: if you'd like us to redecorate Europe first, press One. For

Africa, press Two. If you would like us to make transforming Asia our priority, then press Three."

Did I mention that the meteorite was "the size of Birmineham"? (Doesn't that place just always spell trouble?) Well, so far - there are five more episodes to go - the train passengers have just melted out of their cryogenic frozen suspension to discover that there's no other sign of life apart from several savage dogs.

There's a policeman, a thief, a mother with two children, a pregnant woman, a woman from the Ministry of Defence, an elderly lady - all pretty ordinary folk, none of them scientists, who look out across the newly harren horizon and announce: "If I'm not mistaken, this devastation is the result of a meteorite the size of Birmingham crashing into Africa and unleashing tidal waves that have caused binomial dispractor ripples across the Earth's surface."

They are strangers to each other, suddenly forced to rely on each Congress (BBC2) — the first of other to survive in a world plagued by acid rain, hungry dogs, and no

convenient pizza delivery services. The author Matthew Graham, who wrote two series of This Life. is obviously a fan of all those John Wyndham adaptations and Quatermass films. And he has adopted their trick of inflaming the eeriness of his story by planting it in familiar surroundings rather than on an unknown planet inhabited by creatures who all look like David Mellor.

rankly, not all that much happens in this opening episode, which, paradoxically, makes it more seductive than if it had contained dozens of subplots and encounters with spooky Meliorites. As long as Lowri and Nick don't turn up in their overalis, then it looks very promising. Watching just 40 minutes of

Congress (BBC2) - the first of Ann Parisio's fascinating two-part documentary following last autumn's contest between the Republican and Democratic candidates to represent California's Santa Barbara district - made you grateful that British election campaigns are limited to three weeks and that commercial TV and radio stations are not crammed with contrived electioneering commercials by the rival candidates.

You got a clearer picture of what made the candidates tick and what they stood for from watching them relaxing at home than you did from their TV commercials. Of course, there is one way of using television to reveal politicians' true natures while simultaneously giving us handy tips on how to lay a laminate wood floor. But no doubt some TV producer is already working on "DIY MP". At any rate, let's hope not.

BBC1 6.0m Business Breakfast (65040) 7.(BBC Breakfast News (T) (67175) 9.(Kilroy (T) (9123330) 9.(Style Challenge (r) (8867750) 10.) The Vanessa Show (7) (5946953)

10J News; Weather (T) (9175427) 11 Change That (9152576) 115 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (9155663) 115 News; Weather (T) (5191206) 120 Going for a Song (2835773)

135pm Wipeout (9885458) 120 The Weather Show (T) (76052595) 10 One O'Clock News (T) (37934) O Regional News; Weather (58122040) 10 Neighbours Madge makes a new friend (f) (16380137)

ns tronside An attorney suffering from amnesia turns to the Chief for help (r) (1278595) 55 Through the Keyhole (r) (T) (2237750)

25 Children's BBC: Heipi It's the Har Bear Bunch (8674934) 3.45 Chucklewood Critiers (2661972) 4.10 Avjn and the Chipmunks (1415156) 4.20 Julia Jekyli and Harriet Hyde (5978446) A.35 Goose-bumps (7679779) 5.00 Newsround (5601576) 5.10 Miami 7 (2462175) 5.33 Rewind (T) (492663)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (811408) 6.00 Stx O'Clock News; Weather (T) (427) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (779) 7.00 Watchdog with Anne Robinson Consumer investigation show, putting some of the biggest dames on the high street under the spotight (T) (2576)

7.30 EastEnders Ian catches Martin burgling

appearance (T) (1,7156) 8.50 Points of View Vewers' opinions of the

week's programmes (T) (905361) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News; Weather (1) (85(5) 9.30 CHOICE Sim/n's Journey Update on the /Falidands war veteran Simon Westor (T) (77205)

- 10.30 CHOICE Golf: The US Masters Action trom Augusta (20175)



Eddie Kidd, the former motorcycle stunt-rider (11.30pm)

"1.30 Snapshot: Eddle Kidd Profile of the former daredevil stunt-rider as he mes to get back on his feet following the first serious accident of his career — which left him brain-damaged and in a heelchair (T) (23243)

12.00 The Neon Empire (TVM 1989) Mob loss Ray Sharkey fulfils his dream of opening a casino in 1940s Las Vegas. With Martin Landau and Gary Busey. Directed by Larry Peerce (T) (810731) 1.50am Weather (2327915)

BBC2

7.00am Children's BBC Breakfast Show: Polka Dot Shorts (5539392) 7,10 The Silver Brumby (9095446) 7,35 Top Cat (8427682) 7,55 Bots Master (8438798) 8.20 Buried Treasure (8143069) 8.40 Blue Peter (9310175) 9.10 Goober and the Ghost Chasers (7111576) 9.35 Student Bodies (8876408) 10.00 Teletubbies (25601) 10.30 FILM: Flipper 36446) 12.00 Wildlife Showcase (70750) 12.30pm Working Lunch (93214) 1.00

Wishing (38364717)

1.10 The Leisure Hour Tips on getting started in golf (r) (1966021)

2.10 Racing from Aintree Clare Baiding and Richard Pitman introduce the 2.35 Martell Cup Chase, 3.10 Sandeman Maghulf Novice Chase, 3.45 Martell Foxfuriters Chase and the 4.20 Glentivet Anniversary Hurdle (83847088)

4.55 Esther (T) (9449311) 5.30 Whose House? (156)

6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine Quark is chosen to succeed Nagus Zek as leader of the Ferengi (r) (T) (740798) 6.45 Butfy the Vampire Slayer New series.

The Master's remains go missing, and the gang get embroiled in sinister plans for his resurrection (T) (151175) 7.30 CHOICE Making It The story of two talented design students from

Brighton University who were spotted by Habital (T) (205) 8.00 Ray Mears's World of Survival Ray visits the eastern shore of Lake Eyasi in

Tanzania (r) (T) (9866) 8.30 Top Gear Tiff Needeli test-drives the Jaguar XK180 and Quentin Wilson presents the annual survey of motorists driving three-year-old cars (T) (1601)



Mark O'Meara, the defending US Masters champion (9pm)

9.00 CHOICE Golf: The US Masters Steve Rider presents live first-round coverage from the pine-lined fairways of the Augusta National in Georgia (7866) 10.30 Newsnight Including news summary at 11.00 (1) (990934)

11.18 Video Nation Shorts (T) (440682) 11.20 Late Review The new Abba musical Mamma Mia (689601)

12.00 The Phil Silvers Show Bilko's nest-egg is threatened (r) (8053373) 12.25am Holiday Weather (2366354)

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12.30 BBC Learning Zone: Open University: A New Sun is Born — Part 1: The Coup 1.00 The North Sea: Managing the Common Pool 1.30 Power and Vision: The West and the Rest 2.00 Exam Revision: GCSE Bitesize Revision — French 1 4.00 Teaching Film and Media: The Education Additional Media: Film Education - An Ideal Husband: Text to Text 4.30 Film Education: The Producer's Tale 5.00 Teacher Training: Planet Europe — Studying Abroad with Erasmus 5.15 Planet Europe: Making Friends 5.30 Go Higher. Why Go Into Higher Education? 5.45 Open University: Playing Safe 6.10 Living with Drought

HTV

5.30am ITV Morning News (31430) 6.00 GMTV (2066040) 9.25 CITV: Tirry Toons (7136885) 9.50 The Fantastic Voyages of Sinbad the Sallor (8873311) 10.20 Bugs Bunny (7439088) 10.30 ITV News Headlines (I) (8821601) 10.35 HTV News (T) (8820972)

10.40 The Bears and I (1974) Disney drama, starring Patrick Wayne as an Army veteran who decides to set up home near an Indian reservation. Directed by Bernard McEveety (T) (31806953) 12.15pm HTV News (T) (7289663)

12.30 ITV Lunchtime News (1) (2810717) 12.55 Shortland Street (1979595) 1.30 Lie Detector (T) (16379021) 1.55 The Jerry Springer Show (1) (5244779) 2.40 Wheel of Fortune (1) (2233934) 3.10 ITV News Headlines (T) (5934330) 3.15 HTV News (1) (5933601)

3.20 CITV: Mopatop's Shop (5921866) 3.30
The Advertures of Dawdle (5788972)
3.40 The Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries (4294595) 3.50 Lavender Castle (5799088) 4.05 Hey Arnoldt (7240311)
4.30 Children's Ward (330)

5.00 Lie Detector (r) (T) (7408) 5.30 WEST: Pleasure Guide (T) (682) 5.30 WALES: Crazy Creatures (T) (682) 5.58 HTV Weather (406866) 6.00 HTV News (T) (595) 6.26 HTV Crimestoppers (232232) 6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather (T) (175)

7.00 Emmerdale (T) (2412) 7.30 WEST: We Can Work It Out with Judy Finnigan and the team (359) 7.30 WALES: Wales This Week Current affairs issues. Last in series (359)

8.00 The Bill Quinnan returns to duty for the 9.00 The Last Trein Harriet seeks help from



Current affairs with Martin Beshir and Trevor McDonald (10pm)

10.00 WEST: Tonight with Trevor McDonald New series. The veteran newscast delves behind the headlines (T) (1934) 10.00 WALES: The Ferret New series. Consumer reports, with Chris Segar (75205) 10,30 WALES: The Sharp End New series.

Political discussion (84953) 11.00 ITV Nightly News; Weather (T) (319088) 11.20 HTV News and Weather (T) (820791) 11.30 A Trip in the Cosmic Buggy The pub and club scene (T) (18311) Trevor

11.30 WALES: Tonight with 7 McDonald See 10pm (7) (58885) 12.00 Public Morals (r) (54002) 12.30am The Jerry Springer Show (9442248) 1.15 Trainspotters (4/13) (342248) 2.15 Pop Down the Pub (19557) 2.45 Box Office America (4203002) 3.10 Cybernet Computer news (84668002)

3.40 Murder, She Wrote (2062151)

4.50 ITV Nightscreen (3570460)

4.30 Coach (83030267)

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As HTV West except: 10.35-10.40am Central Name (8820972) 12.20-12.30pm Central News (9407392) 12.55 Lie Detector (2895408)

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1.30 The Three Stooges (r) (95946137)
1.50 Sahara (1943) An American tank
sergeant gets isolated during the retreat
from El Alamein, and proceeds to harass the pursuing Nazis. Second World War drama, with Humphrey Bogart. Directed by Zoltan Korda (T) (21717311)

3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (953) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (208) 4.30 Countdown (T) (7696446) 4.55 Rickl Lake (T) (9441779) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (224)

6.00 Friends (r) (1) (137) 6.30 Hollyoaks Ruth confides in Jas (1) (717) 7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (1) (753935)
7.55 Dovetales The experiences of a Protestant woman who was raised in the mainly Catholic town of Newry (7/8) (1) (936137)

8.00 Designs on Your Bra Richard Seymour and Dick Powell accept the challenge to find radical design atternatives to familiar items, beginning with a look at that the bra (1/3) (r) (T) (9953) 9.00 Secrets of the Circus This powerful

documentary searches for examples of neglect within the animal-care industry (r) ന (1205 9.30 Dispatches Reporter Joe Layburn reveals some of the taches employed by disreputable insurance companies (1)



Jimmy Smits stars as Detective Bobby Simone (10pm)

10.00 CHOICE NYPD Blue A donor heart becomes available for Bobby, while Andy breaks down in the washroom (T) (9576)

11.00 The 11 O'Clock Show (6750) 11.30 Ally McBeal (r) (T) (58427) 12.30am 4 Later Introduction (6755915) 1.25 Vids (9640016)

1.55 Late Toon: Guy's Dog (1926642) 2.10 NYPD Blue (r) (T) (2339731) 3.00 St Elsewhere (r) (3769828) 3.50 The Hurricane (1937) Bluslery drama about the inhabitants of a South Pacific island shortly before a cataclysmic storm

destroys their homes. Dorothy Lamour and C. Aubrey Smith star. Directed by John Ford (680644) 5.35 How We Used to Live: Britons at War

CHANNEL 5

6.00am 5 News and Sport Headline round-up (5927601) 7.00 WideWorld Part five. Maggie Philbin looks at science in the 17th century (r) (T)

7.30 Milkshake! (2672175)

7.35 Dappledown Farm (r): 5 News Update

8.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks (r) (8876021) 8.30 Witchworld (r), 5 News Update

(8875392) 9.00 Fame and Fortune (r) (T) (4747717) 9.25 Russell Grant's Postcards (3205137)

9.35 The Oprah Winfrey Show (6895040) 10.25 Sunset Beach Antonio is trapped (1) (4288514) 11.15 Leeza (r) (3969427)

12.00 5 News at Noon (T) (8886408) 12.30pm Family Affairs Gabby has a visitor (r) (7); 5 News Update (3237327) 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Enc gives

Ridge a friendly warning (T) (2883088) 1.30 The Roseanne Show Entertainment show, presented by the outspoken comedienne (r); 5 News Update (4687868)

2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (2187205)

2.30 Good Afternoon An hour of leisure, lifestyle and documentary, featuring real-life soap Liverpool Mums, Rob Butler's word game Cryplogram and Selling the Family Silver, 5 News Update (8770175)

3.30 The Oregon Trail (1975) Action adventure about a family who pack up their belongings and set off on a 2,000-mile trek to the beautiful Williamette Valley. Rod Taylor and Douglas V Fowley star. Directed by Boris Sagai (2947663)

5.20 5 News (59295069) 5.30 100 Per Cent (6174972)

6.00 5 News; Weather Round-up of the day's stones, including First on Five (T)

6.30 Family Affairs Gabby receives a hefry credit-card bill (1) (6162137)

7.00 Knight Rider Part one. The head of a computer corporation hires Michael to unmask the treacherous employee leaking his closely guarded business secrets to a rival. Spy-fi drama, staming David Hasselhoff (T) (2181021)

7.30 Cup Winners' Cup Chelsea v Reat Mallorca (Kick-off 7.45pm). Steve Scott presents all the action from the 'Cup Winners' Cup semi-final first-leg at

Stamford Bridge (T) (7710576) 0.00 Marked for Death (1990) Sleven Seagal stars as a former narcotics agent who takes on a gang of Jameican drug dealers terrorising Chicago. Action thriller, with Basil Wallace. Directed by Dwight H. Little; 5 News Update

11.50 Red Shoe Diaries A female bounty hunter trails a thief (8058205) 12.25am The Pepsi Chart With Martine McCutcheon (6865286)

12.55 National Hockey League (50622731) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (6961151)

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4.00pm Spies in the Sky 5.00 Battleships 6.00 Nero: Legend of a Monster 7.00 Playback. Eve Pollard 7.30 Bomb to the Beatles: I, Witness --- Teenagers CARLTON FOOD

9.00am Food Network Daily 9.30 Coxon's Kitchen Coflege 10.00 Chef for a Day 10.30 Nancy Lam's Wol. Wiz 11.00 Worrell Thompson Cooks 11.30 Ideal Home Cooks

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Sale teenager wings in for debut against Wales as Woodward gives youth its head

England to unleash the 'new Lomu'

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHEN Steve Hanley took the well-worn path from Aspatria to Sale last September, his ambition was a first XV place with the Allied Dunbar Premiership club and perhaps, if things went well, an appearance for England Under-21. Instead, on Sunday, the rawboned Cumbrian will step out for England at Wembley in the match against Wales that will conclude the Five Nations Championship and determine whether the millennium ends with an English grand slam.

It is a rise to stardom along the same trajectory taken by Jonathan Wilkinson last season. Hanley will be 20 in June, a month later than Wilkinson, who won his first cap as a replacement against freland in April last year at 18. Not for 31 years have England fielded a senior side including two teenagers — David Gay, of Bath, and Bryan West, of

France reshuffle

Loughborough Colleges, both in the back row.

Hanley's selection on the left wing, one of three changes to the XV that started against France last month, is typical of Clive Woodward. The England coach has a banker in Tony Underwood, who may yet find a place in the squad if Jeremy Guscott's hamstring gives way before the weekend. but it is the promotion of youth that excites him in a way that is very un-English, Suspicion of youth has been an unfortunate characteristic of some past England managements.

Woodward first set eyes on Hanley in November at the insistence of John Mitchell, his assistant and then director of rugby at Sale. Hanley, 6ft 4in and lost arrived from Asoatria as an outside centre. which is where Mitchell believes that he may yet play. Even then. Wigan had exing rugby league, but the Hanleys are a union family: Melvyn, his father, is director of rugby at Aspatria.

Within weeks, the newcomer was scoring tries to the manner born, displaying strength. pace and, importantly, foot-



Pair of aces: Wilkinson, left, and Hanley will form England's first teenaged duo at senior level for 31 years when they take the field in the Five Nations Championship title decider at Wembley on Sunday

balling skills. Hanley is not a head-down, bulldozing wing. He has a change of pace, a swerve, imagination and distributive skills that come from his experience in midfield. "It's a big decision to put a young guy in, especially for on merit and I'm looking forward to seeing him play," Woodward said.

Age and inexperience have seldom weighed heavily with Woodward - witness the emergence of Matt Perry, Dan Luger and David Rees, the unfortunate Sale wing, whose place has now been taken, in effect, by his club-mate. "David has been brilliant, talking me through things, and I'm sure he'll be on the phone this week to help me out," Hanley said. In fact, Luger will move wing, with Hanley playing on the left, the position that he occupies for Sale.

The move south tied in happily enough with Hanley's studies at the University of Central Lancashire in Preston. where he is a second-year student of sports science. "The great thing about Steve is that he plays with a smile on his face," Mitchell said. "He's a good learner, too."

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He learnt quickly enough to win a place in the England A side that played Scotland and Ireland, only to suffer a partial dislocation of the shoulder in Dublin when he was in conten-

tion for a senior place against France. He trained with England during the week leading up to that match and heard on Tuesday that he would win his

"Now I wake up in the morning and find it hard to believe what's happened," Hanley said. "I hope nerves won't have a negative effect on my game. I love union, I have done since I was a kid, and although the offer from Wigan was tempting, the dream was always to play for England."

Inevitably. Hanley will be compared to Jonah Lomu because of his physique and Mitchell will remind him that Lomu's first outings with the All Blacks, as a teenager against France in 1994, did not go so well. Hanley's prospects are better. He is part of a settled side, playing effective rugby with no great expectancy from the public, though on the

horizon is the prize of a place in the England World Cup squad in the autumn.

Hanley will also find himself up against a player he knows well - Shane Howarth, the Sale fly half, who wears the No IS jersey for Wales. He has learnt much from Howarth's experience, but will relish the chance of taking his club colleague on, ball in hand. He will also benefit from the presence at centre of Guscott, whose strained hamstring will be monitored throughout the week, though Woodward is confident that he

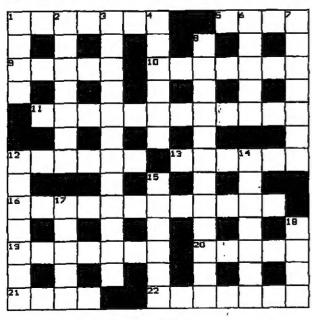
Otherwise England's only amendment to the side that started against France is at

scrum half, where Matt Daw son take: over from the intured Kyran Bracken. Austin Healey reurns to the bench. his eight-wek suspension ending on Saturday. It was a decision that Woodward took with ease. "It didn't cross my mind to extend his sentence." he said. "He's served his time. he's fresh, he's lit, he's been around the squad and knows

what's going on." ☐ Phil Vickery, the former England tight-head properties his first much for Gloucester since October when he plays in the final d the Cheltenham and Gouces ter Cup against Bedford a Northampton tomorrow after

recovering from a neck injury.

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Ban on cards for Keown

By MATT DICKINSON THE Arsenal defence, if not the team, remains on course for a record-breaking season, in just over two weeks' time, but it will have to man the barfollowed by the home match ricades without Martin against Derby County, when Steve Bould, 36, will attempt to maintain the back four's Keown for two of the side's final six FA Carling Premierphenomenal record of 21 dean ship matches after a bizarre ruling by the Football Associasheets in 32 league games of a season in which they have contion yesterday. The North London club had coded just 13 goals - ten less than Chelsea, who have the

next lowest tally.

It is almost as remarkable a

figure as the number of red

cards earned by Arsenal play-

ers, which now totals nine this

been hoping that the centre half's dismissal against Blackburn Rovers on Tuesday night would merit only a one-game ban because Keown's previous sending off this season, at Sheffield Wednesday, had been rescinded.

However, while the England defender did not serve any suspension to Hillsborough red card, the FA's disciplinary department has ruled that the dismissal remains on the record books, so Keown must now miss two games. Lancaster Gate can work in mysterious ways. Keown will be suspended for the trip to Middlesbrough season and 21 since Arsène Wenger took over. The Highbury manager remains unrepentant, however, and is not about to start disciplining his

"You could not say that on Tuesday night Martin Keown played a dirty game," he said. with some justification. "He made a mistake with his reaction for the second booking. but I believe half the red cards we have received are deserved and half not so. I am not

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especially proud of our disciplinary record, but I do not believe it is a problem."

With Dennis Bergkamp in the magnificent form that brought him the winning goal against Blackburn, Arsenal should not have too many problems reaching Wenger's target of 77 points for the season, a tally that he believes will be sufficient to retain the championship. Manchester United, a point ahead having played a game less, just have

the edge. Much may depend on the form of Leeds United, who must meet each of the three teams above them during the run-in. Chelsea face them at Stamford Bridge while Arsenal and Manchester United must travel to Elland Road. If David O'Leary's side can carry on the form that has brought them seven consecutive league victories, they will be confident of scrambling into a European Cup place

Schumacher gears up for Brazil

MICHAEL SCHUMACHER claimed yesterday that the Ferraris will be a match for the lightning-fast McLarens in the Brazilian Grand Prix in São Paulo on Sunday. Eddie Irvine, Schumacher's team-mate, won the opening race of the season in Australia last month, but only

after both McLaren cars had to retire. Ferrari's celebrations were overshadowed by the I'sec lead that the McLarens were building each lap on their Italian rivals at the start of the race. Schumacher said: "In Australia, we had a problem with grip, which was caused by a combination of the aerodynamics and

the mechanicals. "During the tests at Jerez, we realised what was going wrong and since then the performances have improved. In Australia. we were at 95 per cent of the F399's po-

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tential, and now we're close to 100 per cent. The improvements have not involved major changes: we've just worked

on things in a number of areas." Schumacher also takes heart from the fact that neither Mika Hakkinen, the world champion, nor David Coulthard. his team-mate, managed to finish in Melbourne, unlike the two Ferraris.

That's what counts." Schumacher said. "The McLarens were extremely fast. but after a certain point in the race neither of them were on the track. I feel confident about Brazil because I consider Melbourne to have been something separate. "We will be up there near the front, I'm

sure of that. I like Interlagos, I have won

fine health." Ferrari's superstitious fans have extra reason to hope for a victory by their leading driver. Seven of the past ten winners in Brazil have gone on to take the world championship at the end of the season - with Schumacher managing the feat in 1994 and 1995.

☐ Stéphane Sarrazin, a test driver for the Prost team, will make his Formula One debut in Brazil, driving for Minardi. Luca Badoer, the first-choice Minardi driver, was injured during a test session last month and the team asked Alain Prost, the Prost team owner, if they could call on the young French driver.

Sarrazin said he was looking forward to the challenge. "I am very proud about the trust Alain Prost and the Minardi team have put in me," Sarrazin said. "I know it's not going to be easy."

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